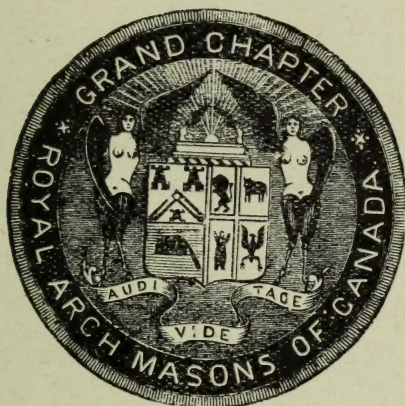


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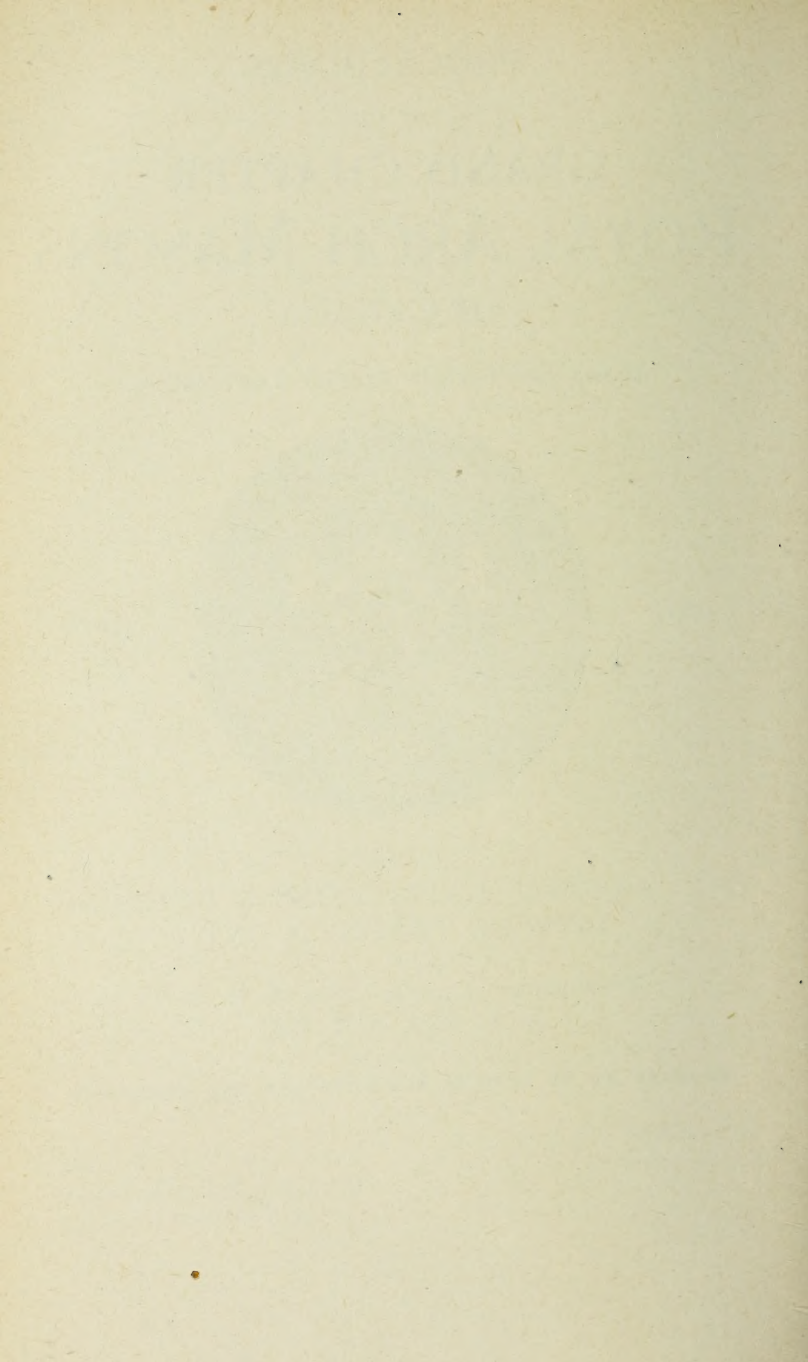
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23RD, A. D. 1907
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JOHN LESLIE, Winnipeg,
Grand Z.

GEORGE J. BENNETT, Toronto,
Grand Scribe E.



GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

AT THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA, HELD IN THE MASONIC HALL, TEMPLE BUILDING, CITY OF TORONTO, ON WEDNESDAY, THE 23RD JANUARY, A.I. 2437, A.D. 1907.

PRESENT.

M. E. Comp.	Abraham Shaw	as Grand Z.	} Grand Council
R. " "	John Leslie	Grand H.	
R. " "	George Moore	Grand J.	
R. " "	Geo. J. Bennett	Grand Scribe E.	
R. " "	Oliver Ellwood	as Grand Scribe N.	
M. " "	Hugh Murray	Grand Treasurer.	
R. " "	E. B. Brown	Grand Principal Sojourner.	
R. " "	Jas. MacLauchlan	Grand Registrar.	
V. " "	J. G. Boyce	as Grand Senior Sojourner.	
V. " "	William Duncan	Grand Junior Sojourner.	
R. " "	J. B. Nixon	Grand Lecturer.	
V. " "	W. A. Lyon	as Grand Sword Bearer.	
V. " "	U. A. Buchner	Grand Master 1st Veil.	
V. " "	R. A. Rastell	as Grand Master 2nd Veil.	
V. " "	John Sinclair	as Grand Master 3rd Veil.	
V. " "	G. R. Robertson	Grand Master 4th Veil.	
V. " "	W. Dawson	Grand Standard Bearer.	
V. " "	W. H. Best	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.	
V. " "	E. C. Davies	Grand Organist.	
V. " "	P. J. Scott	Grand Pursuivant.	
V. " "	H. Wellbanks	as Grand Steward.	
V. " "	W. J. Logie	Grand Steward.	
V. " "	D. Robertson	as Grand Steward.	
V. " "	D. McLeod	as Grand Steward.	
V. " "	G. Gilmour	as Grand Steward.	
V. " "	F. Staunton	Grand Steward.	
V. " "	D. A. Clark	as Grand Steward.	
V. " "	I. Bates	as Grand Steward.	
V. " "	W. Duncan	as Grand Steward.	

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp.	Chas. Koelln	St. Clair	Dist. No.	1
" "	John Graham	London	" "	2
" "	Frank Reid	Wilson	" "	3
" "	Robt. Irvine	Wellington	" "	4

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.—Continued.

R. E. Comp.	A. W. Peene.....	Hamilton	Dist. No.	5
"	"	A. E. Phipps.....	Niagara	" " 7
"	"	R. W. Clewlo.....	Toronto	" " 8
"	"	S. E. Foster.....	Georgian	" " 9
"	"	A. J. Hewson.....	Ontario	" " 10
"	"	R. E. Wright.....	Pr. Edward	" " 11
"	"	Thos. Dowell.....	St. Lawrence	" " 12

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Forty-Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in AMPLE FORM at eleven o'clock a.m.

R. E. Comp. W. T. Toner, from the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there are 123 warranted Chapters and five under dispensation, of which 94 are represented by the following Companions :—

No. 1. *Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston.*

R. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, P.Z. and Proxy; M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, P.Z.

No. 2. *The Hiram, Hamilton.*

E. Comps. W. H. Bates, H.; A. G. Bain, G. H. Lanigan; V. E. Comp. Fred. Staunton; R. E. Comps. Geo. Moore, T. M. Davis, A. W. Peene, Proxy, P.Z's.

No. 3. *St. John's, London.*

E. Comps. E. S. Crawford, Z., J. A. Tancock; R. E. Comps. O. Ellwood, John Graham, P.Z's.

No. 4. *St. Andrew's and St. John's, Toronto.*

E. Comps. A. W. Joliffe, Z., W. H. Blight, J. H. Wilkinson, T. B. Cole, H. S. King; V. E. Comp. J. G. Boyce; R. E. Comps. H. T. Smith, R. W. Clewlo, P.Z's.

No. 5. *St. George's, London.*

V. E. Comp. U. A. Buchner; R. E. Comps. W. A. Wilson, Proxy, R. W. Evans, P.Z's.

No. 6. *St. John's, Hamilton.*

E. Comp. F. H. Yapp, Z., W. M. Logan; V. E. Comp. Hugh A. MacKay; R. E. Comps. W. Forbes, W. J. McAllister; M. E. Comps. Hugh Murray, W. G. Reid, P. Z's.

- No. 7. *The Moira, Belleville.*
E. Comps. W. N. Ponton, Z., W. S. Morden; R. E. Comps. Arth. McGinnis, P.Z's.
- No. 8. *King Solomon's, Toronto.*
E. Comps. A. H. Loughhead, J., Malcolm Gibbs, E. M. Carleton; V. E. Comp. W. A. Lyon; R. E. Comps. Alex. Patterson, J. B. Nixon, Z.; M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, P.Z's.
- No. 15. *Wawanosh, Sarnia.*
E. Comp. A. E. McDonald, Z.
- No. 16. *Carleton, Ottawa.*
E. Comp. E. G. Shane, Z.
- No. 18. *Oxford, Woodstock.*
V. E. Comp. H. A. Biggins, P.Z.
- No. 19. *Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.*
E. Comps. A. N. Lindsay, Z., S. P. Gourlay, P.Z.
- No. 20. *Mount Horeb, Brantford.*
E. Comp. H. B. W. Turner, J.; V. E. Comp. R. A. Rastell, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 22. *Grenville, Prescott.*
E. Comp. F. W. Elliott, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 23. *Ezra, Simcoe.*
R. E. Comp. Frank Reid, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 24. *Tecumseh, Stratford.*
E. Comp. J. E. White, Z.; M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, P.Z.
- No. 26. *St. Mark's, Trenton.*
E. Comp. S. B. McClung, Proxy; V. E. Comp. G. R. Robertson; R. E. Comp. R. H. Spencer, P.Z's.
- No. 27. *Manitou, Collingwood.*
E. Comp. G. W. Bruce, Z.; R. E. Comp. W. T. Toner, P.Z.
- No. 29. *McCallum, Dunnville.*
E. Comp. W. G. Griffith, Z.; R. E. Comp. R. G. W. Conolly, P.Z.
- No. 30. *Huron, Goderich.*
R. E. Comp. Joseph Beck, P.Z., and Proxy.

- No. 31. *Prince Edward, Picton.*
E. Comp. J. W. Allison, Z.; V. E. Comp. H. Wellbanks;
R. E. Comp. R. E. Wright; M. E. Comp. Donald Ross,
P.Z's.
- No. 32. *Waterloo, Galt.*
E. Comp. Geo. H. Thomas, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 34. *Signet, Barrie.*
R. E. Comps. Sam. Wesley, Proxy, D. F. MacWatt,
P.Z's.
- No. 36. *Corinthian, Peterborough.*
E. Comp. D. Walker, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 40. *Guelph, Guelph.*
E. Comps. R. S. Cull, Z., W. A. Clark, W. A. Mahoney,
R. Howie; R. E. Comp. Richard Mahoney, P.Z's.
- No. 41. *Harris, Ingersoll.*
E. Comps. J. L. Revell, J., J. A. Neff, Z.
- No. 44. *Mount Sinai, Napanee.*
E. Comp. G. F. Ruttan, Z.; R. E. Comp. J. G. Fennell,
P.Z.
- No. 45. *Excelsior, Colborne.*
E. Comps. Jas. Shaw, Z., F. O. McGlennon, P.Z.
- No. 48. *St. John's, Cobourg.*
R. E. Comp. A. J. Hewson, P.Z.
- No. 52. *Prince Rupert, Winnipeg.*
R. E. Comp. John Leslie, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 53. *Bruce, Petrolea.*
V. E. Comp. John Sinclair, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 54. *Palestine, St. Thomas.*
E. Comps. E. W. Honsinger, Z., N. W. Ford, P.Z.
- No. 55. *Niagara, Niagara.*
E. Comp. F. Masters; R. E. Comps. J. G. Rousseau,
J. G. Bottomley, P.Z's.
- No. 56. *Georgian, Owen Sound.*
R. E. Comps. Allan Cameron, Proxy, Jas. MacLauchlan,
P.Z's.

- No. 57. *King Hiram, Port Colborne.*
E. Comp. C. D. Winn, P.Z.
- No. 59. *Sussex, Brockville.*
E. Comp. Harvey Clare, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 60. *Doric, Newmarket.*
R. E. Comp. P. T. Lee, P.Z.
- No. 62. *York, Eglinton.*
E. Comp. Geo. McLeish; V. E. Comps. W. Duncan,
D. Robertson; R. E. Comps. R. J. Gibson, R. W.
Hull, Proxy, P.Z's.
- No. 63. *Havelock, Kincardine.*
R. E. Comp. R. D. Hall, P.Z.
- No. 65. *St. Paul's, Toronto.*
E. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, Z.; V. E. Comp. W. H. Best;
R. E. Comps. Aubrey White, Benj. Allen, W. G.
Eakins, E. B. Brown, F. W. Harcourt, C. W. Post-
lethwaite, P.Z's.
- No. 66. *The Malloch, Seaforth.*
E. Comp. John Berry, H.
- No. 67. *Enterprise, Harriston.*
E. Comps. E. W. Lambert, Z., Andrew Fisher, P.Z.
- No. 68. *Maitland, N. Augusta.*
E. Comp. Geo. B. Magee, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 69. *Grimsby, Grimsby.*
E. Comp. W. F. Randall, H.; R. E. Comp. A. E.
Phipps, P.Z.
- No. 70. *Grand River, Bracebridge.*
E. Comp. H. J. Bird, Z.; R. E. Comp. Isaac Huber, P.Z.
- No. 72. *Keystone, Stirling.*
E. Comp. C. F. Walt, Z.
- No. 74. *Beaver, Strathroy.*
E. Comps. Geo. McBeth, Z., J. H. Argue, P.Z.

- No. 75. *St. Clair, Milton.*
E. Comps. John Irving, H., A. J. McKinnon, W Stark; R. E. Comp. G. E. Sitzler, Proxy, P.Z's.
- No. 76. *Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls, South.*
E. Comp. Richard Sloggett, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 77. *Occident, Toronto.*
E. Comps. R. Falconer, J., E. J. Repath, H., W. B. Stoneham, Z., H. G. Brown, H. Meadows, R. W. Brennan; R. E. Comps. G. K. Clemens, A. G. Horwood, P.Z's.
- No. 78. *Minnewawa, Parkhill.*
E. Comps. G. A. Fraser, J., Geo. Sutherland; V. E. Comps. D. N. McLeod, Wm. Dawson; R. E. Comp. W. Caw, P.Z's.
- No. 79. *Orient, Toronto.*
E. Comps. W. L. Baynes-Reed, H., Wm. Bain, G. B. Foster, F. H. Anderson; V. E. Comps. Ira Bates, Proxy, Gil. Gilmour; R. E. Comp. E. H. Briggs, P.Z's.
- No. 80. *Ark, Windsor.*
R. E. Comp. Chas. Koelln, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 81. *Aylmer, Aylmer.*
E. Comp. R. G. Moore, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 82. *Shuniah, Port Arthur.*
R. E. Comp. S. W. Ray, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 83. *Ionic, Orangeville.*
E. Comp. W. Fleming; R. E. Comp. Robert Irvine, Proxy, P.Z's.
- No. 88. *MacNabb, Dresden.*
E. Comp. N. Lindsay, H.
- No. 90. *Golden, Kenora.*
R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 91. *Antiquity, Toronto.*
E. Comps. Thos. Lawless, H., W. H. Warrington, Z., R. B. Orr, J. C. Gray; V. E. Comps. E. C. Davies, C. F. Mansell; R. E. Comps. W. J. A. Lake, Geo. J. Bennett, P.Z's.

- No. 95. *Tuscan, Sudbury.*
R. E. Comp. W. H. McFadden, P.Z.
- No. 98. *Vancouver, Vancouver.*
R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Proxy.
- No. 100. *St. Lawrence, Brockville.*
R. E. Comp. Thos. Dowell, Proxy.
- No. 102. *Algonquin, Sault Ste. Marie.*
E. Comps. T. E. Simpson, Z., D. W. Green, P.Z
- No. 103. *St. John's, North Bay.*
R. E. Comp. J. T. Lovell, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 104. *White Oak, Oakville.*
E. Comp. W. A. Chisholm, Z.; R. E. Comps. W. H. Speers, W. H. Robinson, P.Z's.
- No. 106. *Alberta, Calgary.*
E. Comp. Chas. H. Dee, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 112. *St. John's, Morrisburg.*
E. Comp. W. K. Farlinger, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 113. *Covenant, Cornwall.*
E. Comp. F. Bisset, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 114. *Bonnechere, Renfrew.*
R. E. Comp. W. A. MacKay, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 115. *Brant, Paris.*
E. Comp. J. R. Inksater, Z.; V. E. Comp. W. J. Logie, P.Z.
- No. 116. *Maple, Carleton Place.*
E. Comp. Jas. Garvin, Z.; R. E. Comp. D. H. McIntosh, P.Z.
- No. 117. *Berlin, Berlin.*
E. Comp. J. H. Walker, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 118. *North Star, Edmonton.*
R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Proxy.
- No. 120. *Kootenay, Kaslo.*
R. E. Comp. Benj. Allen, Proxy.
- No. 121. *Wascana, Regina.*
R. E. Comp. John Leslie, Proxy.

- No. 122. *Rossland, Rossland.*
R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, Proxy.
- No. 124. *Westminster, New Westminster.*
R. E. Comp. Jas. MacLauchlan, Proxy.
- No. 127. *Keystone, Nanaimo.*
R. E. Comp. Benj. Allen, Proxy.
- No. 130. *Chantry, Southampton.*
V. E. Comp. P. J. Scott, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 131. *Amabel, Wiarton.*
E. Comp. W. Smythe, Z.; R. E. Comp. S. E. Foster,
P.Z.
- No. 132. *Leeds, Gananoque.*
E. Comp. Chas. A. Watt, Z.
- No. 133. *St. Francis, Smith's Falls*
E. Comps. W. H. Wilson, Z., G. T. Martin, P.Z.
- No. 134. *King Darius, Cannington.*
E. Comp. Thos. Foster, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 135. *Succoth, Uxbridge.*
E. Comps. Wm. Gordon, H., J. H. Chinn, Z., W. S.
Ormiston, V. M. Hare; V. E. Comp. D.A. Clark, P.Z's.
- No. 137. *Crow's Nest, Fernie.*
R. E. Comp. George Moore, Proxy.
- No. 139. *St. Andrew's, Havelock.*
E. Comp. Alex. Mathison, Z.
- No. 140. *Fort William, Fort William.*
E. Comp. J. T. Hollinshead, P.Z., and Proxy.
- No. 141. *Keystone, Brandon.*
R. E. Comp. John Leslie, Proxy.
- No. 142. *Cyrus, Cumberland.*
M. E. Comp. Abraham Shaw, Proxy.
- No. 144. *Presqu'Isle, Brighton.*
R. E. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Proxy.
- No. 145. *The St. Patrick, Toronto.*
E. Comps. H. A. Collins, Jas. Glanville, P.Z's.

- No. 150. *London, London.*
E. Comps. J. E. Johnston, H., T. H. Baker, Z.
- No. 152. *Alberton, Fort Frances.*
E. Comp. D. W. Green, Proxy.
- No. 153. *Sombra, Sombra.*
E. Comp. W. W. Stover, H.

Thirty-four Chapters are unrepresented; number of names registered, 203; number of votes entitled to be cast, 415.

Fraternally submitted,

W. T. TONER,	} <i>Committee.</i>
W. S. R. MURCH,	
R. W. CLEWLO,	

On motion of R. E. Comp. W. T. Toner, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. the Grand Z. announced that all Royal Arch Masons, properly vouched for and in good standing, would now be admitted as visitors during the sessions of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Scribe N. read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during business. The Grand Scribe E. commenced to read the minutes of the proceedings of the Forth-Eighth Annual Convocation held in the City of Toronto on Wednesday, January 24th, 1906, when it was moved by R. E. Comp. John Leslie, seconded by R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, and

Resolved,—That as the proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held on the 24th January, 1906, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same be now confirmed.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The M. E. the Grand Z. directed the Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of Representatives of sister Grand Chapters and invited those in attendance to seats on the dais where he greeted them, the Companions of Grand Chapter standing. The following answered to their names:—

R.E. Comp.	William Birrell.....	Arizona.
"	" Samuel Wesley.....	California.
"	" Arthur McGinnis.....	Colorado.
M.E.	" Abraham Shaw.....	Connecticut.
"	" Hugh Murray.....	Dist. of Columbia.
R.E.	" Richard Mahoney.....	Florida.
"	" Allan Cameron.....	Georgia.
"	" William Forbes.....	Illinois.
"	" C. W. Postlethwaite.....	Iowa.
"	" Geo. J. Bennett.....	Ireland.
"	" Henry T. Smith.....	Kentucky.
"	" Benjamin Allen.....	Maine.
"	" R. G. W. Conolly.....	Maryland.
M.E.	" J. E. Harding.....	Massachusetts.
R.E.	" Oliver Ellwood.....	Minnesota.
M.E.	" J. Ross Robertson.....	Nebraska.
R.E.	" W. S. R. Murch.....	New Hampshire.
"	" J. G. Bottomley.....	New Jersey.
"	" John Leslie.....	New Zealand.
"	" Aubrey White.....	North Carolina.
"	" George Moore.....	Nova Scotia.
V.E.	" Hugh A. Mackay.....	Ohio.
R.E.	" D. F. MacWatt.....	Quebec.
"	" W. T. Toner.....	South Carolina.
"	" J. B. Nixon.....	Vermont.
M.E.	" W. G. Reid.....	Victoria.
R.E.	" Alex. Patterson.....	Virginia.

The acting M. E. Grand Z. prefaced the reading of the address prepared by the Grand First Principal by a feeling allusion to the absence through illness of the M. E. Companion who had succeeded him as ruler of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction and expressed the hope which he knew was echoed in every heart present, that M. E. Companion Roaf would soon be restored to his wonted health and strength. He referred to the enthusiasm and zeal which actuated the Grand First Principal while strength permitted and paid high tribute to his devotion as a guide and counsellor. He then read the following :—

ADDRESS.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of Canada.*

Companions: . . .

My first duty to you is to express the deep regret and disappointment I feel at not being with you to-day, but owing to illness I have been sent by my physician's orders to the golden west.

The meeting to-day represents the close of a half century of work in Capitular Masonry. It was in January 1857 that the representatives of three Chapters, viz., The Hiram and St. Johns of Hamilton and St. Johns of London met in Hamilton and resolved to create an independent body to be known as the Grand Chapter of Canada. Its jurisdiction embraced the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and the other part of Canada. The provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Quebec feeling themselves strong enough withdrew at different times to form Grand Chapters of their own, leaving now this Grand body with a jurisdiction from Ottawa River on the east to the Pacific on the west, having St. Johns Chapter No. 148 Vankleek Hill, as the most easterly Chapter in its easterly limit, Cyrus Chapter No. 142, Cumberland, on Vancouver Island, as its most westerly and, should Grand Chapter grant a warrant for Klondike Chapter U. D. at Dawson City, we will possess the most northerly one on this continent.

I am pleased to say that the utmost harmony prevails among the Chapters, nothing that I know exists to in any way disturb the peaceful relations existing between them.

In reviewing the work of the last year of our history, one cannot but be struck by the large and important extent of business which has been accomplished. We have cause of thankfulness when we think of the progress we have made in growth and

extension of our territory, in the number of Chapters we have on our roll, there being now 128 Chapters with a membership of eleven thousand. In every way we have ground for thankfulness at our substantial progress and our trust is that the Great Architect of the Universe, will in the future grant us the same measure of success as has been our fortune in the past. In dealing with the business of the past twelve months we are fortunate indeed in being able to report such a prosperous year. We are pleased to report the work in the different portions of the jurisdiction of Grand Chapter to have been well and faithfully performed by all who had anything to do in connection therewith, with the exception of the work allotted to myself, and I feel free to confess that owing to my enforced inactivity I was unable to do justice to the position with which you have honored me, and to one and all I tender most heartfelt thanks for your kind forbearance.

GONE BEFORE.

While our official ranks remain intact, death has removed some worthy and well beloved Companions whom we could ill afford to lose. Familiar figures were theirs for many years at our annual Convocations, and their hands were not idle whenever workers were called for in the interests of this Grand body. Their reward is the peace which is promised to those who submit resignedly to bodily suffering and affliction and look forward to the gracious promises of Creator and Judge.

R. E. Companion John S. Dewar, Past Grand Scribe N. of London and Representative of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, died after a painful illness on the 16th September, 1906. For many years he served Grand Chapter on the Benevolence Committee and wherever else his Companions needed help it was always cheerfully given. His death leaves a great void in the Masonic circles of his home city.

R. E. Companion William Walker of Toronto was called from a bed of suffering on the 22nd February, 1906. He was a Past Grand Principal Sojourner of

the Grand Chapter and for a number of years was Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance. He represented the Grand Chapter of Kentucky near this Grand body.

R. E. Companion J. McLean Stevenson, Past Grand Superintendent of the Georgian District, died at his home in Barrie on the 3rd June, 1906. He represented the Grand Chapter of New Jersey for many years and was an ardent worker in the Royal Craft in the days when workers were needed.

R. E. Companion John McLaren, of Orangeville, Past Grand Superintendent of the Wellington District and Representative of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, was another of the old guard summoned during the year.

With terrible suddenness the call came to R. E. Companion Fred Walter, Past Grand Superintendent of the Hamilton District, on the night of March 1st, 1906. The city which knew him so well and so favorably will long miss him.

R. E. Companion Thomas Irwin, who was Grand Superintendent of the Hamilton District in 1891, was called hence, after an active life, in June 1906.

R. E. Companion William Braden, a Past Grand Superintendent of the Manitoba District, obeyed the summons on 20th July, 1906. He was much esteemed in Masonic circles in Winnipeg, where his kindly disposition won for him a host of friends.

The death list embraces many enthusiastic Companions, whose faithful adherence to their Chapters and their love for Royal Arch Masonry entitle them to an equal place in our regard and esteem and whose memories will be revered so long as their respective Chapters exist and co-workers remain to recall their devoted efforts.

Our sister Grand bodies across the border have lost many distinguished Companions and with them we sympathize in their bereavement.

Alabama—M. E. Companion Edward S. Gatchell, Past Grand High Priest; M. E. Companion James Tait Beck, Past Grand High Priest.

Arizona—R. E. Companion Charley Oma Rouse, Deputy Grand High Priest.

Arkansas—Ex. Companion S. D. Dodge, Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Colorado—M. E. Companion John Humphreys, Past Grand High Priest.

District of Columbia—M. E. Companion George Harold Walker, Past Grand High Priest.

Florida—M. E. Companion Silas Orcasto Vaughan, Past Grand High Priest; and Richard T. Higgins, Past Grand High Priest.

Indiana—M. E. Companion Benjamin F. Dawson, Past Grand High Priest.

Iowa—M. E. Companion Abel W. Daugherty, Past Grand High Priest.

Kentucky—M. E. Companion William Robert Johnson, Past Grand High Priest.

Michigan—M. E. Companion John W. Finch, Past Grand High Priest; Benjamin F. Watts, Past Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion George M. Kingsbury, Grand Scribe; R. E. Companion Rev. Francis Asbury Blades, Grand Chaplain.

Missouri—M. E. Companion Allan McDowell, Past Grand High Priest.

New Hampshire—M. E. Companion Albert Scripture Wait, Past Grand High Priest.

Ohio—M. E. Companion J. Kelly O'Neill, Past Grand High Priest; and Brenton D. Babcock, Past Grand High Priest.

PROMPT REGISTRATION.

Progress in the Grand jurisdiction keeps pace with the advance of the country and I am happy to say it is a progress of very encouraging and substantial quality. The excellent plan inaugurated and fostered by our Grand Scribe E. of having the Chapters apply

at intervals throughout the year for registration and certificate for newly exalted Companions, instead of waiting until the time for sending in the annual return, has been of great benefit both to the Chapters themselves and to those who are appointed to govern. It furnishes in the meantime a fair idea of the working of the subordinate bodies, and of the material that is being periodically added to our ranks. It eases the labours of the officers whose duty it is to keep the records, while the early possession of his certificate is an encouragement to the young Companion and in many cases has proved an incentive to brethren who might otherwise hesitate. I find that the Chapters which apply from time to time for registration and certificate are active and advancing, and would strongly urge those which have not yet adopted the plan to do so at once. Apart from its beneficial features I would remind the latter that such application is demanded by the Constitution

VISITATIONS.

In the early part of the year circumstances called me to California and subsequently to British Columbia, where I had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with our whole-hearted Companions of the golden West. It was but a few days after passing through San Francisco on my way north that the appalling earthquake calamity visited that city, the news of which stilled the hearts of the civilized world and evoked a sympathy and aid unprecedented in its spontaneity and universality. For our Companions of that afflicted jurisdiction we felt a keen regret, and so far as our own Grand Chapter was concerned would willingly have shared in the giving but that the quick and equally vast response to the appeal for assistance from their own kindred stayed our impulses for the time being, until it was announced that further contributions were unnecessary.

On April 18th I visited our most westerly Chapter, Cyrus No. 142, at Cumberland, on Vancouver Island.

and met with a very hearty reception. I witnessed the exaltation of three candidates and was agreeably surprised at the excellence of the work. The Companions are imbued with the true spirit and I look for good results in that quarter.

Two days later I visited Keystone Chapter No. 127, at Nanaimo, where the Companions gave a right royal reception to their Grand Z. Nothing was too good for him. The Mark degree was conferred in a most impressive manner and the officers appeared to be zealous and progressive notwithstanding adverse conditions, due to labour troubles at that place.

A SCOTCH WELCOME.

While in Cumberland I received a telegraphed invitation from the Scottish Companions of Chapter No. 120, at Victoria, to visit them on my way back to the mainland. I willingly accepted, and though the notice was necessarily brief, there was a large turn out of the Companions to give a truly Scottish greeting to the ruler of Canada's Grand Chapter. I was greatly impressed with the truly hospitable and enthusiastic reception tendered to me in that capacity, and the cordial expressions of good will offered on behalf of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland in this its only stronghold in the Dominion. I need hardly add that on your behalf I reciprocated their kindly wishes and wished for the Victoria Chapter every possible measure of success.

On my return to Ontario I visited, on May 18th, the Chapter at Berlin and much enjoyed the R. A. degree as exemplified by its officers, as well as the fine entertainment of instrumental music furnished after the closing. I had here the pleasure of being accompanied by the Grand Superintendent, and by R. E. Companion Rd. Mahoney and V. E. Companion Hugh A. Mackay.

On June 1st I visited St. Catharines and saw the R. A. degree put on in finished style by E. Comp. Gourlay

and the officers of the Mount Moriah Chapter No. 19. With me were R. E. Companions R. G. W. Conolly and J. G. Bottomley, P. G. Supts.

Accompanied by M. E. Companion W. G. Reid, P. G. Z., R. E. Companion Phipps, Grand Spuerintendent and others, I visited Niagara Chapter No. 55, Niagara, on the 7th June, witnessed some excellent degree work and enjoyed a pleasant social hour afterwards with the good Companions of the historic town.

On the 15th June I visited St. Andrew's and St. John's Chapter No. 4, Toronto, where the Supreme degree was very well worked by the officers, and where I had the pleasure of meeting many enthusiastic Companions.

For the latter portion of the year I had planned a series of visits from which I anticipated no little profit as well as pleasure, but the condition of my health brought a stern mandate from the physician and I was compelled to abandon what I had looked forward to with no little anticipation.

M. E. Companion A. Shaw and R. E. Companion Geo. Moore, Grand J., kindly represented me at Mount Horeb Chapter No. 20, Brantford, on the 3rd of December, where I had promised to be in attendance. I take this opportunity of thanking them for this and other acts of kindness.

The lamented death of R. E. Companion Wm. Walker in February last left a vacancy on the Executive Committee which I filled later by the appointment of R. E. Companion Fred W. Harcourt of Toronto.

OF DOUBTFUL UTILITY.

One or two Chapters of age and influence have adopted or copied the "reunion" idea. Whatever advantage such annual events possess for other branches of the Masonic tree, their application to Royal Arch Masonry can hardly be justified. It is too much like putting all the eggs into one basket. There is a big feast for one day in the year and a famine for the remainder. A Royal Arch Chapter which is supposed

to meet on a certain night in every month should be provided with Masonic attraction for the Companions who are summoned to attend. If the work is to be crowded into an afternoon and evening of one day in the three hundred and sixty-five, the chances are that the newly exalted have learned little and that their enthusiasm as well as that of their older Companions will fade with long waiting. Of course, if the occasion were to take the form of a Chapter of Instruction, with the district well represented, as is the case annually in Ottawa, the advantage and benefit are at once apparent. To my view every regular Convocation should be made interesting for the Companions, if their love for the Chapter is to be retained.

A COMING EVENT.

Next Annual Convocation will mark an important epoch in the history of the Grand Chapter of Canada. It will be our fiftieth, and whether it will be distinguished in any special manner it is for you to say. Our sister jurisdictions across the border seldom fail to celebrate their semi-centennial when they reach it, and I do not think the dignity of the Grand body would suffer were we to copy them in this regard, even if we do so in a modest degree. I do not offer anything in the way of suggestion,—that I leave to Grand Chapter, but I considered that a reference to the coming anniversary would be a timely reminder and elicit some comment and, probably, recommendation.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

A reference to the appointment of Grand Representatives leads me to again point out that some of our sister Grand jurisdictions are taking up the matter of continued absence from the Annual Convocations of those appointed to represent other jurisdictions, and as we are not much better in this respect than our neighbors, and have had occasion to make a like complaint, I may be pardoned if I suggest, the consideration at least, of a resolution adopted unanimously by the Grand Chapter of Ohio and which will be found under

that heading in the report on Foreign Correspondence, with a view, if you so desire it, of submitting something similar.

During the year I have recommended the appointment of the following Companions to represent the Grand Chapters opposite their respective names, near the Grand Chapter of Canada :

Arizona—R. E. Companion William Birrell, Hamilton.

Arkansas—R. E. Companion T. W. Chapple, Kenora.

Kentucky—R. E. Companion H. T. Smith, Toronto.

New Hampshire—R. E. Companion W. S. R. Murch, Kingston.

New Jersey—R. E. Companion J. G. Bottomley, Niagara.

I also directed the Grand Scribe E. to issue Commissions to the undermentioned Companions as representatives of this Grand body near their respective Grand Chapters.

District of Columbia—R. E. Companion Arthur Carr, Washington.

Mississippi—R. E. Companion E. Ernest Clement, Ocean Springs.

North Carolina—R. E. Companion J. E. Cameron, Raleigh.

NEW CHAPTERS.

It must be apparent to all that the wonderful development of our vast country will tell its tale in Masonic as well as in other circles. Nor is the activity confined to existing Chapters. Companions in newly settled and growing communities are not slow in finding one another out, and the natural desire to renew old associations finds an outlet in the desire to establish a Chapter. Not in all cases is that desire acceded to. Some there are whose sources of supply are yet weak, but where evidences of reasonable strength and future promise is furnished the encouragement is freely given.

Early in the year a numerously signed petition reached me from Dawson in the Yukon Territory. It included the names of two Past Grand Superintendents and another Past Grand Chapter officer, and was accompanied by very strong recommendations. The moving spirit was that zealous worker R. E. Companion G. M. Gibbs, who presided over the Manitoba district in a former year. Notwithstanding the vast distance the new Chapter was furnished with every requisite in an incredibly short period and in most elaborate fashion. R. E. Companion Gibbs, whom I appointed to represent me in the meantime, instituted the Chapter with Companion Richard Douglas of King Solomon's Chapter No. 8, Toronto, as First Principal and their work since has been excellent.

About the same time Companions resident at Sombra petitioned for a Chapter, and I issued a dispensation on the 23rd of March. The Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion John Graham, officiated at the institution, and reports well of the working and progress of Sombra Chapter.

Ten Companions at Ancaster petitioned for a Chapter under that name and I acceded to that request under the strong recommendation of M. E. Companion Reid, P. G. Z., the Grand Superintendent of the district and the Chapters at Hamilton.

The Companions at Vernon, B.C., believing that there was ample room and occasion for a Chapter at that place, and being well recommended, I issued a dispensation on the 30th of October last for the formation of Okanagan Chapter and which was instituted by the Grand Superintendent of the Kootenay District under favorable auspices.

Petitions were also received from Companions at Atlin, B.C., and Hartney, Manitoba, but all the formalities not having been complied with their inauguration has been delayed.

Companions at High River, Alta., Portage la Prairie, Man. and Madoc, Ont., have organized and petitions from those places may be expected within a short time.

CHAPTER IN THE YUKON.

The rapid progress and strength of the Klondike Chapter U. D. at Dawson City has inspired the Companions there to hope that the territory may be erected into a district under the Grand Chapter and, assuming the acquisition of a Charter for themselves, have written to me suggesting the appointment of a Superintendent. As the letter has only been received within a few days, I have not yet replied, but am of the opinion that it would not be in harmony with regulation or custom to create a district in which there is only one Chapter. The remote location of Klondike Chapter would therefore leave it in the position of a Chapter unattached, and as there are two Past Grand Superintendents in its membership either of those worthy Companions could well be entrusted with the duty of overlooking its affairs in the interval.

CHAPTER BY-LAWS.

During the year I have approved new codes of by-laws for a number of Chapters, and in exceptionally numerous cases amendments to existing codes have been submitted for official sanction. A list of these will be found in the report of the Grand Scribe E., but I desire to point out that a majority of those amendments have originated in the desire of the Chapters to increase the fee for exaltation and preparatory degrees. This is an important and significant fact, and leads me to express the hope that this Grand body will consider the advisability of replacing on our statute book the minimum fee as it was prior to the change some ten or twelve years ago.

Conditions have assumed a far different complexion since that time. What then appeared necessary as an encouragement during a period of depression cannot at this day be regarded in the same light. Wherever I have visited and talked with the Companions I have found many to hold the view that the existing regulation is a reproach to the fraternity, and that it is not calculated to exalt the Royal Craft in the opinion of possible

aspirants. Masonry should not be held too cheaply. What we all should desire in our ranks is material of the very first quality, but the maintenance of a low minimum fee leaves it open to those not so exacting to look for quantity. I hope, therefore, that the matter will receive the consideration it deserves and that at no distant day the law will be restored to its former condition.

AN UNAUTHORIZED CLAUSE.

While perusing some old by-laws of Chapters I noticed in one or two cases a clause providing for a division of the exaltation fee, contrary to the spirit and intent of Grand Chapter and its constitution. Wherever I have found it I at once ordered it expunged, and if there are any other Chapters so situated I would recommend immediate amendment. The objectionable clauses I refer to enact that a brother possessing the M. M. M. or other preparatory degree, who desires to apply for exaltation, will be allowed so much off the fee on that account. There is no such provision authorized. The fee which an applicant is called upon to pay is for the Royal Arch. The other degrees being but preliminary to that are, of course, necessary but to all intents and purposes, honorary. It is in that sense we regard them when a visiting Companion from a jurisdiction where these degrees are not included in the Chapter system, is given them by us free of charge to qualify him as a visitor. If Grand Chapter ever intended a division of the fee it would be so set forth in the statutes made and provided. As it is not so specified, a subordinate Chapter incorporating such a clause in its by-laws is over-stepping its privileges. The draft by-laws of a Chapter submitted to me during the year contained this objectionable feature and I drew attention to the necessity for its removal. I have just learned that the printed pamphlet now being presented to the newly admitted candidate retains what I took exception to. This may have been done through accident or oversight, but I would kindly remind that Chapter to see to it that the clause is promptly erased.

OBEDIENCE A DUTY.

A Chapter in the City of Toronto included in its circular to the Companions the following notice :

"All applications for Exaltation and Affiliation must be in the hands of the Scribe E. on or before the of each month, to be considered by the Executive Committee before being placed on the monthly circular to be balloted for."

This the Grand Superintendent, observing, took exception to on the ground that an applicant's petition was not the property of the Chapter until formally presented at a Convocation of same, and could not therefore be dealt with by the Executive Committee, as such, before that time. He wrote the First Principal to that effect, and requested that the notice be removed from the circular. The Chapter officer, however, held to the opinion that the notice was in order, continued its publication and in the course of correspondence objected to, what he termed, the interference of the inspecting officer. The latter then appealed to me, and I, agreeing with his views, instructed him to convey my command to the First Principal of the Chapter that the notice objected to should be forthwith discontinued. The prompt submission to that command saved further unpleasant controversy.

The Grand Superintendent in his district represents the Grand First Principal to whom an appeal is always in order if his acts are considered wrong, but it is the duty of a Chapter ruler to obey his orders and submit, for the time being, to his ruling. To argue the point is not only to disregard a solemn undertaking, but it displays a bad example. Obedience is one of the excellences of character, the cultivation of which is impressed upon the apprentice Mason. If it is overlooked in the capacity of one selected to guide and instruct, it is not calculated to increase respect for the position.

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, No. 5, LONDON.

After the May Convocation of St. George's Chapter No. 5, a Past First Principal, E. Companion A. G.

Stephens, complained to the Grand Superintendent of the district that he attended at the Chapter hall on that occasion, arriving at 7.40 o'clock, the meeting being called by circular for eight o'clock, that the business of the Chapter was in progress, and that notwithstanding frequent appeals he was not admitted until after several heads of business, not in regular order, had been disposed of. The Grand Superintendent held an inquiry and decided against the legality of the work done before the proper hour of opening. This he reported to me, and simultaneously I received a protest from the Chapter through the Scribe E., stating that the by-laws provided for 7.30 o'clock as the opening hour and that they authorized the First Principal to change the order of business. I wrote the Grand Superintendent for a copy of the by-laws, and as they bore out the statements of the Scribe E. of the Chapter I was perforce obliged to disagree with the ruling of the Grand Superintendent. This was followed by considerable correspondence and many conflicting statements. One communication, however, revealed the fact that the by-law fixing the hour for opening the Chapter had been amended to read "eight o'clock" and approved some years previously. This decided me to re-open the enquiry and I appointed R. E. Companion E. B. Brown, Grand Principal Sojourner, a commissioner to take the testimony in the case, a duty which he accomplished to my satisfaction. From his report I found that while there was no evidence of wrong doing or intent to do wrong there was gross ignorance of existing laws on the part of the officers of the Chapter. The decision and finding of the Grand Superintendent I sustained by nullifying all the business transacted in the Chapter up to the legal hour of opening, and this apparently has been accepted as satisfactory as I have heard nothing of the matter since. I must do R. E. Companion John Graham, Grand Superintendent of the London district, the justice to state that his course throughout was most impartial and consistent under very trying circumstances and I take this opportunity of thanking him for his forbearance and willing aid in assisting to settle an unpleasant matter.

ROYAL ARCH REGALIA.

Last year, you will remember, I drew attention to the introduction of a ribbon, the colors of which did not accord with those authorized by the Grand Chapter. Since then the Chapters have been provided with samples of the correct hues for guidance, and I am led to understand that the action has been of benefit in securing harmony in regalia. In one instance, however, a Chapter complained to me that a certain firm had endeavored to press the spurious article upon its members, stating in their letter that it was the approved pattern and that they had filled numerous orders since the beginning of the year which were accepted with satisfaction. This letter I secured and interviewed the writer, whom I warned that a circular to the Chapters warning them against that particular firm would immediately follow another similar complaint. I have not been troubled since with any grievance along that line.

CEREMONIAL.

At last Annual Convocation I was authorized by resolution to appoint a Committee to consider the advisability of making certain changes in the ceremony incidental to the closing of the private Chapter. I appointed the members of the Grand Council, the Grand Lecturer, the Grand Scribe E., and the mover and seconder of the resolution. The outcome of their deliberations and recommendation by unanimous desire are to be submitted to the Sub-Committee on the Grand Z's. address for final disposition.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have, as is customary at certain periods of the year, been appealed to for dispensations for purposes which in every case I found warranted this stretch of authority. These were not numerous and included some for attending Divine Service as R. A. Masons, to qualify Companions not otherwise eligible for the

chairs, and for changing the date of regular Convocations where holidays or other meetings conflicted with the authorized day for holding.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

The financial condition of a body such as this may be taken as the gauge of its prosperity or otherwise. I am glad to be able to state that this is the third year in succession that we have been in a position to invest money in interest bearing bonds, and although I am unaware of our progress in that regard since my departure, I learn that the indications point to an even greater advance in our receipts than that reported last year. In July last I was enabled to purchase a guaranteed debenture of the City of Stratford, for \$1,020 from the holders, the trustees of Ashlar Lodge, Toronto, the same yielding four per cent. per annum interest. It was at once lodged by the Grand Treasurer in the Bank of Commerce, Hamilton, with our other securities.

WHERE WE MEET.

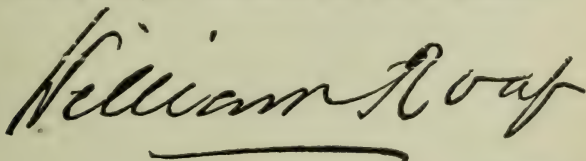
Before closing I would like to mention a word on a subject which for two or three years now has been agitated more or less strongly among some of us at Grand Convocations. It is a matter that must be discussed for it is a necessity of our law, and I dare not presume to offer any personal advice. All I ask is for you to consider the interests of this Grand Chapter, as well as your own personal convenience, when you come to decide on your place of meeting. Bear in mind that we meet at a time of year when winter is most trying and severe, and when creature comforts in travelling and otherwise are not to be despised, especially with those of us who are advancing into age. For six years now we have met at this centre of travel and since doing so Grand Chapter has not only doubled in revenue and numbers but the attendances at our Annual Convocations, especially from the outlying districts, have been of such proportions as to be in keeping with the dignity of this Grand body. Where you decide, there we must go—but I merely ask you not to decide hastily, nor without giving the matter the consideration it deserves.

CONCLUSION.

In bringing this address to a close I desire to say to my Companions of Grand Chapter that my review of the work during the past year has been one of great interest although the latter half has been somewhat marred through severe illness which necessitated my absence from home especially requiring me to be away from this important session of Grand Chapter.

It is my pleasurable duty to report that in all branches of the work I have found an efficiency which is in a great measure due to the unselfish labours of the Grand Superintendents. If ever there was a labour of love it is theirs and this Grand Chapter I know is deeply grateful to those faithful Companions. To my colleagues on the Grand Council, my immediate predecessor in office and to the other officers of Grand Chapter my gratitude is due for aid and sympathy. Of the Grand Scribe E., I can only say as I said last year, that words fail me when I try to express the regard and esteem I feel for him. Last year I realized in him a helpful Companion and a faithful worker in the interests of Grand Chapter. To-day he is all that and more, for when sickness fell upon me I found in him a constant sympathetic friend to whom no duty was too arduous nor no burden too heavy to undertake when it was in your interests. I pray that he may be long spared to carry on the good work in your behalf.

And now Companions, I must say farewell. I am with you in spirit though absent in the flesh. For the many expressions of sympathy and kind enquiries I am deeply and sincerely grateful and my prayer for you this day is that one and all may enjoy the blessing of health until you see a hale old age. May He who watches over all be with you always and bless and prosper Grand Chapter in session and out of session.

A large, elegant handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "William Hoag". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

Grand Z.

Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 9, 1907.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. Leslie, seconded by R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, and

Resolved,—That the address of the M.E. the Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were then presented.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the above named district, and am pleased to state that peace, harmony and fraternal love have prevailed throughout the district. I have visited all the Chapters in the district, six in number, and in all of them I was tendered a most hearty and cordial reception.

The work done throughout the district has been very uniform and in conformity with the ceremonial work as directed by Grand Chapter. The practice throughout the district is to present each candidate upon admission with a copy of Grand Chapter Constitution and the by-laws of the Chapter, with the exception of one Chapter, which has not presented the by-laws, upon my calling their attention thereto, informed me that a committee had been named to revise their by-laws and after approval have them printed and a copy sent to each Companion of the Chapter.

PRINCE OF WALES CHAPTER, No. 71, AMHERSTBURG.—On Monday, June 4th, I visited this Chapter, being accompanied by a score or more of the Companions of Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor, and we were right royally

received by the Companions of the above named Chapter. E. Comp. Lewis and his excellent staff of officers exalted to the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch two candidates in a most creditable and impressive manner, and in strict conformity with the ceremonial work as laid down by Grand Chapter. Judging from the work and the enthusiasm of its members, this Chapter has a bright future before it. The attendance was sixty-two. After labor we adjourned to the banquet room, where we spent a very enjoyable time. After partaking of the bountiful repast provided, E. Comp. Martin, U. S. Consul at this port, acted as toast master. Able and instructive responses were made to the usual toast list and a pleasant and I hope a profitable convocation was brought to a close.

MACNABB CHAPTER, No. 88, DRESDEN.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on the evening of Thursday, November 15th, and was received very warmly. The meeting was fairly well attended. The Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred in a very creditable and impressive manner, that left no opportunity for criticism, save that of a flattering nature. A banquet followed at the Westcott House and brought to a close a most enjoyable and interesting convocation.

WELLINGTON CHAPTER, No. 47. CHATHAM.—On Nov. 28th I visited this Chapter and was accorded a hearty reception. The attendance was very good. E. Comp. Park and his enthusiastic staff of officers exemplified the R. A. degree in a most satisfactory and impressive manner, and gave me no opportunity of saying anything in criticism, as the work was done in a faultless manner. It seemed as if each officer was vieing with the other in friendly rivalry as to who would do the work the best. The result could be nothing less than that which I witnessed. After labor we were royally entertained in their spacious banquet hall, where a sumptuous repast awaited us, and to which the Companions did ample justice. The usual toast list which followed called forth some very interesting and

instructive speeches. I was pleased to meet at this convocation R. E. Comp. Hodgins, Past Grand Superintendent of Huron district, now a resident of this flourishing little city.

ERIE CHAPTER, No. 73, RIDGETOWN.—This Chapter I visited on the 17th of December. The night being very stormy, the attendance was very limited, only the requisite quorum to open the Chapter being present, as many of the Companions reside in the rural district, the roads being in an almost impassable state, no doubt was the cause of the small attendance. Still what was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm. There was no work, but the Excellent Z examined the members in the work of the R. A. degree, and after interesting and instructive discussion of the valiant points of the supreme degree, a very pleasant, and, I hope, beneficial convocation was brought to a close by an oyster supper.

ARK CHAPTER, No. 80, WINDSOR.—This, my own, Chapter I visited at every regular and emergent convocation but one, on my official visit, Monday, Dec. 10th, was received in a right royal and hearty manner. After the regular routine business of the evening, E. Comp. McLeod and his brilliant staff of officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in a very creditable manner, and gave but very little opportunity for criticism. The attendance was very good and great interest was manifested in the election of officers for the ensuing year which followed the conferring of the degree. This has been the banner year of Ark Chapter for some years past, and I look forward to a bright and prosperous year as the officers elected are all enthusiastic and zealous Royal Arch Masons. After labor adjournment was made to the banquetting hall, where a bountiful repast in the form of a venison supper was provided and generously donated by E. Comp. Squires, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the Companions. Speeches and songs brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NO. 119, LEAMINGTON.—I visited this Chapter on January 7th, 1907. At the request of the E. Z. I installed the officers for the ensuing year, excepting the Ex. Z. and Scribe E. elect, who failed to put in an appearance. E. Comp. Hillier, a P. Z. of this Chapter, assured me that the Chapter was in a very healthy and good condition, and that the officers for the ensuing year were zealous and enthusiastic, and he had no doubt would give a good account of themselves. After labor adjournment was made to their spacious banquetting room, where well-laden tables greeted us. After all had done justice to the good things provided, a pleasant and enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

In conclusion, I desire to express to the Companions of the district my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, and for the many courtesies extended to me on the occasions of my official visits. Finally, I can assure my successor a district in a very flourishing and healthy condition.

Fraternally submitted,

C. KOELLN,

Grand Superintendent St. Clair District, No. 1

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?	
Wellington...	47	Chatham...	10	13	23	20	4	2.00	105	33	12	2	2	4	1		116	12	10	10	38										
Pr. of Wales	71	Amherstburg	10	8	18	19	4	2.00	65	6	6						71	6	6	4	30	35.80	147.00	82.38	300.00	147.00	200.00	15.00	Good	Ex.	Yes.
Erie.....	73	Ridgetown...	6		6	18	1	1.50	52	2	2			2		1	62	2	2	2	48		100.00			85.00	175.00	25.00	Good	Yes.	
Ark.....	80	Windsor....	12	6	18	21	1	3.00	118	18	16			2	4	1	127	16	16	16	57		1159.28	290.53	500.00	368.75	300.00	30.00	Ex.	Yes.	
McNabb.....	88	Dresden.....	10	2	12	12	4	1.45	53	11	11	1					64	11	10	10	30					56.00	10.00	Good	Yes.		
King Cyrus..	119	Leamington..	9	1	10	14	2	2.00	64	4	4			2		1	65	4	4	5	43		133.00	48.00	350.00	133.00	225.00	5.00	Good	Yes.	

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

As Grand Superintendent of London District, No. 2, I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this district, which comprises the following Chapters : St. John's, No. 3; London ; St. George's, No. 5, London ; Wawanosh, No. 15, Sarnia ; Bruce, No. 53, Petrolia ; Palestine, No. 54, St. Thomas ; Beaver, No. 74, Strathroy ; Minnewawa, No. 78, Parkhill ; Aylmer, No. 81, Aylmer ; London, No. 150, London ; Sombra, U.D., Sombra. I have visited all the above Chapters, and everywhere was received in the most cordial manner, the officers and Companions in every case being anxious to do honor to your representative.

My duties as inspecting officer have been very pleasant. I find the degree work in each Chapter is being done very satisfactorily, and in no case was there any reason for serious complaint.

All the Chapters hand a copy of their by-laws to each candidate on his advancement, together with a copy of the Grand Chapter Constitution, except that U.D. at Sombra, which will have their by-laws printed and in shape very soon. They have presented the Grand Chapter Constitution to all candidates that have been advanced since their starting.

SOMBRA CHAPTER, U.D., SOMBRA.—As instructed by the M.E. the Grand Z., I visited the above place on April 2nd, and assisted by E. Comps. Baker and Stephens, of London, and R.E. Comp. Wenino and E. Comp. Cornell, of Sarnia, I instituted this Chapter under dispensation, and installed the officers. Afterwards the officers of Wawanosh Chapter, Sarnia, who were present, conferred the three degrees in a very creditable manner on a class of seventeen candidates. I again visited this Chapter in November, and was met

at the station by the First and Second Principals, who made my visit as pleasant as possible. I inspected before the Chapter opened, all their new paraphernalia, which I found very good, and almost complete for working the three degrees. I was received in a loyal manner, and saw the officers that I had installed the previous April open and close in the R.A. degree, open in the M.M., and work that degree in a very impressive manner, which would have done credit to any Chapter in the district. The officers all seem very enthusiastic and confident of making the Chapter a success.

BEAVER CHAPTER, No. 74, STRATHROY.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of April 10th, accompanied by R.E. Comp. Donald Fraser, Grand Scribe N. and a number of Companions from London. The attendance of their members was small, but was explained by the bad condition of the roads, as quite a number have to drive long distances. The officers conferred the R.A. degree in a splendid manner, it being almost impossible to find a mistake. The books are in good condition, and the Chapter seems in every way satisfactory.

PALESTINE CHAPTER, No. 54, ST. THOMAS.—On the evening of April 12th, I paid my official visit to this Chapter, accompanied by R.E. Comp. O. Ellwood, of London. The attendance was large. I had the pleasure of meeting R.E. Comp. H. Roe, and a number of other prominent Companions of St. Thomas. The officers worked the M.M. degree for my inspection, and it was done almost perfectly. In fact, the condition of this Chapter in every way is splendid, and I look upon it as one of the best in this district. The books are in good condition, and the work of the Scribe E. is looked after splendidly by V.E. Comp. W. E. Idsardi.

BRUCE CHAPTER, No. 53, PETROLIA.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter in May, accompanied by Comp. John Callard, of London, and although it was an exceptionally hot evening, I was received by a full Chapter room, every seat being occupied. The officers worked the R.A. degree, and as I told them on the floor

of the Chapter, I will now tell you that I never saw it done better, and it reflects great credit on each and all. This Chapter I must place in the front rank of the district. It is needless to say that V.E. Comp. John Sinclair, the S.E., looks after that part of the work in a perfect manner. I had the pleasure of meeting some of Petrolia's leading citizens, who are members of the Chapter, and enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

LONDON CHAPTER, No. 150, LONDON.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter October 16th, and found a large attendance. Although being only constituted a year previous, it has made good progress under the guiding hand of E. Comp. Chas. C. Reed. The officers worked the M.M. degree in a correct and impressive manner that gave me, as your representative, every satisfaction. I again visited this Chapter in December, and installed the officers for the coming year. The prospects of this new Chapter are good, without a doubt.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 3, LONDON.—I attended this Chapter a number of times during the year, it being my mother Chapter, but I paid my official visit on Nov. 3rd, and was received by the largest number of Companions I have seen in a Chapter in London for some years. London Chapter was paying a fraternal visit, and E. Comp. Reed and the officers of that Chapter worked the M.M. degree. E. Comp. Thos. Rowe and officers of St. John's then worked the M.E. and R.A. degrees on one of the largest classes I have seen this year. And I must say, as a presiding officer and in degree work, E. Comp. Rowe is one of the best First Principals this Chapter has ever had. R.E. Comp. O. Ellwood looks after the S.E. work, and his books are in perfect condition. He is a great strength to the Chapter, and a splendid support to each First Principal. I again visited this Chapter in December, and installed the officers for next year, and everything looks prosperous for the future.

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, No. 5, LONDON.—I was received by the officers and Companions of this Chapter on my official visit, October 23rd, in a very

kind manner. I had also visited this Chapter a number of times during the year. The night I paid my official visit the three degrees were worked. E. Comp. Shaw, First Principal, worked the M.M. in a very creditable manner. E. Comp. Rowe, of St. John's, No. 3, worked the M.E. in his usual impressive and perfect way, and R.E. Comp. W. A. Wilson, a Past Z. of this Chapter, exalted a class to the Holy R.A. in his regular and perfect manner. The attendance was fair. I think this Chapter is on the eve of a more successful term than it has enjoyed for the past few years. It has had a very good year, in fact all three Chapters in London are doing splendidly, and every prospect of continuing. I again visited in December, and installed the officers, assisted by R.E. Comp. Broderick.

AYLMER CHAPTER, No. 81, AYLMER.—I visited this Chapter officially, accompanied by R.E. Comp. Evans and others from London, and was received by E. Comp. Killmer, First Principal, and a large attendance of Companions. This Chapter seems to be in a very prosperous condition. Comp. Jno. Richards, S.E., is a good officer. The First Principal and officers worked the R.A. degree for my inspection, and when completed I congratulated them, for they are entitled to every praise for their good work.

WAWANOSH CHAPTER, No. 15, SARNIA.—On March 16th I visited this Chapter officially, and was received at an emergent convocation by E. Comp. Mitten and a large attendance of Companions. I witnessed on this occasion the M.M. degree by the officers of the Chapter, and it was conferred in an impressive manner, and in every way very satisfactory to me. Comp. Wanless is a capable S.E., and gives great assistance to the Chapter. R.E. Comp. Wenino was present and other leading Companions of Sarnia, and seemed very anxious to make my short visit as enjoyable as possible.

MINNEWAWA CHAPTER, No. 78, PARKHILL.—I made this my last official visit on December 14th, accompanied by R.E. Comp. Donald Fraser, G.S.N. The

attendance was good, considering the weather and bad state of the roads. The work I witnessed was the M.M. and M.E. degrees, and the officers all seem well up in their work, and conferred those two degrees in a manner that was very creditable to them. E. Comp. Dawson, S.E., is a very competent officer, and I would think a great help to the Chapter. I had the pleasure of meeting at this visit my old friends R. E. Comp. Dr. Caw and E. Comps. Sutherland and McLeod.

In the reports of my visits above I have made no mention of the material prosperity of the different Chapters, which will be found in the statistical report appended.

It is with great sorrow I have to report the death of R.E. Comp. Jno. S. Dewar, who was for many years a very active member of Grand Chapter. He is greatly missed in London in particular, and also the different Grand Masonic bodies in which he took a life-long interest. He was buried with Masonic honors, prominent members of the Craft from all over the Grand Jurisdiction attending the funeral. As instructed by the M.E. First Principal, who was unable to attend through illness, I represented Grand Chapter at this sad service, acting as one of the honorary pallbearers.

I wish to extend my appreciation to the Companions of the district, not only for selecting me for this high office one year ago, but also for their many kindnesses and assistance during my term of office.

Hoping whoever my successor may be that he may have a year as pleasant and profitable to him as mine has been to me. That, I feel sure, he will.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN GRAHAM,

Grand Supt., London District, No. 2

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.		Emergent.		Total.	Average Attendance Members	Average Attendance Visitors	Annual Dues, per Member.		No. Members last Return.		Petitions Accepted.		Candidates Initiated.		Affiliations.		Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.		M.M.M. Conf.		M.E.M. Conf.		R.A. Conf.		No. Membr's 12 Mths. in arrears.		Liabilities.		Assets.		Cash or Securities.		Property.		Dues Outstanding.		Amount Insurance.		Amount Expended in Benev'ce		Prospects.		Can Ex. Z work all Degrees ?																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																													

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WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Principals, and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of
Canada.*

I have the honor and privilege of presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wilson District, No. 3.

I have visited all the Chapters in the district, five in number, and everywhere have been received in the most cordial manner. It affords me great pleasure to report that harmony and peace have reigned supreme during the present year. All the Chapters are doing efficient work and all are well officered. All report that a copy of the Chapter by-laws and a copy of the Constitution are presented to every candidate, and a copy of the by-laws has been forwarded to the Grand Scribe E.

HARRIS CHAPTER, NO. 41, INGERSOLL.—I made my first official visit to this Chapter on Friday, 9th November, 1906. There was a fair attendance of members. I was met at my hotel by M.E. Comp. M. Walsh, and escorted to the Chapter room. The R.A. degree was conferred by E. Comp. Dr. Neff and the officers in an impressive manner. In a Chapter which contains a Past Grand Z. one naturally looks for good work, and in this case the officers did the work very efficiently. In a town with two blue lodges and so many Masons it appears to me there should be more members in the Chapter. The usual banquet followed.

BRANT CHAPTER, NO. 115, PARIS.—I visited this Chapter on Monday, 26th November, 1906. I was met at the station by R.E. Comp. Smiley, who gave me a hearty reception. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by E. Comp. Inksater and the officers in a very efficient manner. This Chapter has a very beautiful room, and seems to be doing very good work. About 35 members of Mount Horeb Chapter, Brantford, were

present to assist the members of Brant Chapter in doing honor to the Grand Superintendent. After the work in the Chapter a very pleasant time was spent in the banquet hall, when some very good addresses were given.

MOUNT HOREB, CHAPTER NO. 20, BRANTFORD.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on Monday, 3rd December, A.D., 1906, when an "Old Boys" reunion was held. M.E. Past Grand Z. Comp. A. Shaw and R.E. Comp. Geo. Moore, Grand J., were in attendance. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by E. Comp. Lyons and his officers in a very creditable manner. The officers were highly complimented by M.E. Comp. Shaw for their efficiency. This Chapter has had another very prosperous year, having accepted 27, and initiated 23 during the year. The members are certainly very enthusiastic. They have a very beautiful Chapter room. A splendid banquet was held after the work of the Chapter was ended, and most interesting addresses were delivered by M.E. Comp. Shaw, R.E. Comp. Moore and others. This Chapter has brilliant prospects for the future.

OXFORD CHAPTER, NO. 18, WOODSTOCK.—I visited this Chapter on Monday, 17th December, 1906. It was the night of the election of officers. The Companions expected to confer the M.M. degree, but for some reason or other the candidate did not appear. In a city with two large lodges of Masons it is surprising that there is not a larger membership in the Chapter. They have a splendid room with every convenience. E. Comp. Dutton was elected Z. I trust that his Chapter will take a new start and increase not only its membership, but the interest in Capitular Masonry in Woodstock.

EZRA CHAPTER, NO. 23, SIMCOE.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on Thursday, 3rd January, 1907, and installed the officers. The night was very wet, and the attendance not as large as usual. As this is my mother Chapter, I am familiar with the work. The increase in membership during the last year was not as

large as in some former years. This Chapter has the largest membership in the district, is well officered, and the work is correctly done. Capitular Masonry is well looked after by this Chapter.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to the Companions of Wilson District for the honor conferred on me at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, an honor unexpected and unlooked for. And also to the various Companions for their kindness during my term of office, and I sincerely trust that the good fellowship existing at the present time throughout the district may continue for ever more.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK REID,

Grand Supt., Wilson District, No. 3.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 4.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry for the year 1906 in the Wellington District, No. 4, which is composed of five chapters : Waterloo, No. 32, at Galt ; Guelph, No. 40, at Guelph ; Enterprise, No. 67, at Harriston ; Ionic, No. 83, at Orangeville ; Berlin, No. 117, at Berlin.

At the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter in the City of Toronto my Companions did me the high and exceptional honor of unanimously electing me to the proud position of Grand Superintendent of the fourth Masonic district. The confidence placed in me on that occasion it has been my constant effort to merit. If I have fallen short in the performance of my duty it has not been through lack of zeal in the cause, but rather that it has been my fortune to succeed a number of exceptionally able Companions whose good work will long be felt in the district.

I have visited all the Chapters and it gives me great pleasure to report that the work done in the different bodies throughout the district is of a high order and in charge of capable and zealous officers who are well up in the esoteric work and, what to me seems most essential to the welfare of the Chapters, giving assistance and encouragement to the younger members so that when their day comes they will be found equal to the occasion and the several Chapters in the future will be well equipped with competent and well drilled officers.

The average attendance of Companions of the several Chapters is satisfactory, but the number of Companions reported as being twelve months in arrears is altogether too large, in connection with which it is my

opinion that the Scribe "E." should not mince matters, but so far as practicable insist on the Companions paying their dues promptly, and if possible not allow any of them to get behind. Indeed I think it would be a positive kindness for every Chapter to pass a by-law making the dues payable quarterly and employ a collector to get them in for it is much easier to collect a small amount than the whole dues at the end of the year.

I am happy to state that all of the Chapters in the district have a complete set of by-laws.

During the year there have been lost to us by the hand of the grim destroyer seven Companions, most of whom were unknown to me except by name. Conspicuous among those who have died was R. E. Companion John McLaren, of Orangeville, and in this death Ionic Chapter has sustained a severe loss. He was widely known throughout the district, also in Grand Chapter, and beloved by all.

BERLIN CHAPTER, NO. 117, BERLIN.—I visited this Chapter on May 18th, when I had the pleasure of meeting the M. E. the Grand Z. on his official visit. There was a good attendance. The R. A. degree was conferred by E. Comp. Zoellnor and his officers in an almost perfect manner. You M. E. Sir have seen with your own eyes and have heard with your own ears what the Companions of this Chapter can do by way of exemplifying the work and I shall content myself with recalling to your memory the pleasant recollections of your visit. This is one of the most active Chapters in the district. I found the books well kept. E. Comp. Spence, S. E., is a most efficient officer. This Chapter is in a flourishing condition. At the close of the meeting the Companions were hospitably entertained in the banquet room adjoining the Chapter Room, where addresses of interest were made by the Grand Z. and others.

ENTERPRISE CHAPTER, NO. 67, HARRISTON.—My official visit to this Chapter was paid on the evening of

July 1st. It being the regular meeting, I was accompanied on this visit by R. E. Companion Mann. This Chapter, although fairly strong numerically, has to labor under the difficulty of a scattered membership, some of them having to drive fourteen miles to be present. There was a fair attendance considering it was a holiday, and many of the Companions out of town. After having been cordially received and welcomed by the officers and members, I had the pleasure of witnessing the R. A. degree conferred in a most accurate and impressive manner by E. Comp. Fisher and his staff of officers. Each and every officer did his work well. This Chapter enjoys the advantage of including in its membership such experienced, enthusiastic and capable workers as R. E. Comps. Prain, Leighton and E. Comp. Ballins, who are faithful in their attendance and by their counsel and support aid the work of the Chapter. The books of Comp. McLellan, S. E., are neatly and accurately kept, and the promptness with which every detail of the work is attended to might well be imitated by others. This Chapter is in a flourishing condition, free from debt and a good surplus on hand. In addition to this they are second to none as entertainers. I predict for them future success.

WATERLOO CHAPTER, NO. 32, GALT.—My official visit to this Chapter was paid on Monday evening, Oct. 8th. I had looked forward to this visit for some time and was not disappointed in my expectations. This Chapter is progressive, and the officers and Companions have enough energy, enthusiasm and vitality to supply their own needs. In addition I had the pleasure of meeting R. E. Comp. Taylor, R. E. Comps. Porteous and Cowan who take a great interest in the welfare of this Chapter. I also was pleased to meet R. E. Comp. W. A. Mahoney, from Guelph Chapter. The R. A. degree was conferred on the candidates by the First Principal E. Comp. Collins, assisted by R. E. Comp. Porteous and the officers in a manner I have seldom seen excelled. This Chapter is blessed with one of the most efficient Scribes E. in the district in the

person of Companion Blake who looks after the welfare of every Companion in Waterloo Chapter. This Chapter is growing steadily and the prospects are good. After a lengthy programme of songs and speeches a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

IONIC CHAPTER, No. 83. ORANGEVILLE.—This being my mother Chapter, and as I am a regular attendant at nearly all convocations, I only visited once in an official capacity, which was at the election of officers, November 6th, 1906, consequently I had ample opportunities to judge of the work during the first six months of my term. The work was most admirably rendered, but I cannot say so much for the last six as it has not been up to the old standard, so if Ionic Chapter wants to retain its past reputation it will have to look well to its laurels or else be outstripped in the race by the other Chapters in the district. There are some good officers coming forward and a little encouragement to those who have taken up the work will, I feel sure, produce good results. The M. M. M. degree was conferred upon a candidate and the work as exemplified was all that could be wished. The attendance of Companions is fair, but would like to see a little more life in the meetings.

GUELPH CHAPTER, No. 40, GUELPH.—On Friday, November 9th, I visited this Chapter and was accompanied by E. Comp. Kilpatrick and Comp. Booth. I met a number of old time Craftsmen among whom were R. E. Companions Mahoney, Scoon, Savage, and a host of others who take pride in rendering the work in a correct and impressive manner. This Chapter has on an excellent staff of officers. I witnessed the M. M. M. degree conferred on a candidate by E. Companions Cull and Stephenson. It was perfect in every respect each officer doing his duty in such a manner that it was a rare treat to enjoy the degree so impressively given. E. Companion Clark, who for some time looked after the records, has this year thrown his mantle on

the energetic shoulders of Companion Gair and gone into the field to assist his Companions in putting on the work in the best manner possible. His assistance shows up to good advantage. The sociability of the Companions in this Chapter is such as it should be in every body, everyone exchanging salutations with the other in that friendly manner that a visitor is so impressed that a second visit would be most acceptable. The usual banquet closed a very profitable and enjoyable evening.

Permit me in closing to thank the Companions who so kindly elected me to this honorable office and who so kindly entertained me to many sumptuous banquets at each of the Chapters. I will recall with pleasure the merry time I have spent among my Companions and I trust Wellington district in the future may enjoy that degree of prosperity which now exists and which keeps it well in the front rank of the districts in the Grand jurisdiction.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ROBT. IRVINE,

Grand Supt., Wellington District, No. 4.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Mem'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z work all Degrees ?
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Waterloo	32	Galt.	10	5	15	17	3	2.00	80	16	21	2	99	21	16	8	26	..	370.00	170.00	200.00	110.00	250.00	20.00	Good	Yes
Guelph.	40	Guelph.	11	3	14	13	1	2.00	71	15	7	..	..	2	3	1	78	7	4	3	16	60.00	731.75	103.50	500.00	128.25	500.00	..	Good	Yes
Enterprise	67	Harriston.	12	1	13	21	4	1.00	116	10	5	..	..	3	2	1	115	5	4	4	52	..	539.45	339.45	200.00	70.75	200.00	5.00	Good	Yes
Ionic.	83	Orangeville.	8	..	8	12	4	1.00	76	5	5	..	..	2	..	5	74	5	5	50	..	345.84	95.84	250.00	170.15	200.00	15.00	Fair.	No	
Berlin.	117	Berlin.	11	1	12	16	23	3.00	66	5	5	1	..	1	..	..	71	5	5	6	2	..	475.00	75.00	400.00	73.00	400.00	32.50	Good	Yes

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and Officers of the
Grand Chapter of Canada :*

I have much pleasure in submitting for your consideration my report on the progress and condition of Capitular Masonry in Hamilton District, No. 5, for the past year.

I am pleased to state that peace and harmony prevails throughout the district, and that progress, prosperity and a general desire to impart the work in the most efficient and impressive manner seems to be the ambition of the officers of the several Chapters in this district, and it is only by these honest endeavors that the Royal Craft can maintain and uphold the dignified position which it is entitled to.

I regret very much to report the death of R. E. Comp. Fred. Walter, Past Grand Superintendent, which occurred on March 1st, 1906. He took a keen interest in the Craft and at his death was Scribe E. of Hiram Chapter.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 6, HAMILTON.—The work and progress during the year in this Chapter has not been surpassed and reflects great credit on E. Comp. A. T. Freed, the officers and Companions, for the continued interest shown throughout the year. Being present at several of the meetings, I cannot but speak praise for the manner in which the work and business of the Chapter has been conducted. During the year the fees have been increased sufficiently to enable the Chapter to present to every new member a Royal Arch regalia when he is exalted.

My official visit was on Thursday, December 13th, when a large number of Companions attended the meeting. The R. A. degree was conferred by all the regular officers of the Chapter in a thorough, satisfactory and efficient manner. The new robes recently purchased

jointly by Hiram and St. John's Chapter were worn by all the officers for the first time and added greatly to the impressiveness of the degree. R. E. Comps. Geo. Moore, Wm. Birrell, John Malloy, D. McPhie, T. McCallum and W. F. Miller were present as well as several E. Companions. After the work I conducted the election. The choice of officers by the Companions was unanimous, the three Principals elected being F. H. Yapp, Z., W. F. McGivern, H., and Geo. Britton, J., and in their hands the good work done by this Chapter in the past will be successfully carried on in the future. R. E. Comp. W. J. McAllister has his books in excellent condition and looks well after the Chapter's interest. At the conclusion a pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room. This Chapter voted \$100.00 during the past year to the Consumptive Sanitorium, Hamilton.

WHITE OAK CHAPTER, NO. 104, OAKVILLE.—I visited this Chapter officially on Tuesday, December 11th, accompanied by M. E. Comp. W. G. Reid and R. E. Comp. J. Malloy. A very large number of the Companions were present. E. Comp. W. A. Chisholm opened the Chapter and looked after the routine business of the meeting, after which he asked me to conduct the election of officers. This I did with pleasure. E. Comp. Chisholm was re-elected as First Principal. I think this a very good thing to do in the smaller Chapters where good men are not always available to fill the offices and the meetings not so numerous throughout the year. We had spirited contests in electing some of the officers but the best of good fellowship and harmony prevailed throughout the meeting. I was pleased to notice the enthusiasm displayed by the presence of so many Past Z.'s and the active interest they took in the Chapter. The minutes show that on Jan. 23rd nine P. Z. jewels were presented to the following R. E. Comps :—W. A. Ferrah, W. H. Spears and W. H. Robinson, P. G. Supts. V. E. Comp. W. H. Morden, E. Comps. Geo. Andrew, W. T. Marlatt, W. O. Joyce, A. Hillmer and J. C. Ford. The Scribe E., E.

Comp. W. O. Joyce, can always be depended upon and the books will be well and accurately kept, and I believe the prospects of this Chapter are very good.

HIRAM CHAPTER, NO. 2, HAMILTON.—This is my mother Chapter. On January 26th a resolution was passed granting \$100.00 to the Consumptive Sanitorium. At this meeting I took charge of the installation of officers for 1906. On March 23rd I presided at election and installation of the Scribe E. when E. Comp. Geo. H. Lanigan was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the lamented death of R. E. Comp. Fred. Walter. At this meeting a resolution was passed changing the by-law raising fee to \$25.00, and each new member is presented with R. A. apron and sash. New robes were procured jointly with St. John's Chapter for all officers including Veils at a cost of \$300.00.

My official visit was on Friday, Nov. 23rd. I conducted the election and the three Principals elected, namely, E. Comps. Dr. R. Gibson, Walter Bates and Frank Hills, have all filled the position of Worshipful Master, which will insure the future prosperity of the Chapter. I may say, I have never seen any election so unanimous. Out of all the ballots cast for every office not a vote was cast against anyone. E. Comp. James Hooper has proved a very efficient, zealous, capable and enthusiastic officer at all times, and the best that is in him is always available for the Royal Craft. E. Comp. Geo. Lanigan has proved since his election to be a very methodical and painstaking Scribe E.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, NO. 75, MILTON.—In company with M. E. Comp. W. G. Reid and Comp. Frank Hills, I paid my official visit to this Chapter on Thursday, Dec. 6th. There was a good turn out of the Companions which would do credit to any Chapter. I had the pleasure of once more meeting R. E. Comp. Fraser, who still takes an active interest in the Chapter. E. Comp. McKinnon and his officers worked the M. M. M. degree in an excellent manner, each officer doing his

part well. I also conducted the election of officers for the year 1907, which was very harmonious throughout. R. E. Comp. Wm. Panton is the energetic Scribe E. of this Chapter and a large portion of this Chapter's success is due to his untiring efforts. The deep interest shown in this Chapter by R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore during his term of office as Grand Supt. is now bearing fruit and the prospects for a large increase of membership are very favorable. In conclusion I wish to thank the Companions for their kind hospitality at the close of the meeting.

ANCASTER CHAPTER, U. D., ANCASTER.—On September 27th I received word from Grand Scribe E. that the Grand Z. requested me to take charge of the ceremony of instituting a new Chapter at Ancaster. Assisted by M. A. Comp. W. G. Reid, R. E. Comps. John Malloy and Thos. Davis, and V. E. Comp. Fred. Staunton I instituted the new Chapter on the evening of Nov. 19th, and delivered to Comp. Chas. Duff and officers the dispensation of the M. E. the Grand Z. This Chapter has started off under the most favorable circumstances and with the excellent material at hand and the enthusiasm displayed by the charter members, no mistake should follow the establishing of a Chapter at this place.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to the Companions of the district for electing me to the position of Grand Superintendent. Also for the hospitable receptions and many kindnesses shown me throughout the district, and the loyalty displayed towards the Grand Chapter at all times.

Fraternally submitted,

A. W. PEENE,

Grand Supt., Hamilton District, No. 5.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5

		CHAPTER.	
		Number.	LOCATION.
Hiram.....	2 Hamilton.....	12	Regular Meetings.
St. John.....	6 Hamilton.....	12	Emergent.
St. Clair.....	75 Milton.....	7	Total.
White Oak.....	104 Oakville.....	9	Average Attendance Members.
			Average Attendance Visitors.
			Annual Dues, per Member.
			No. Members last Return.
			Petitions Accepted.
			Candidates Initiated.
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			Restorations.
			Withdrawals.
			Suspensions.
			Deaths.
			Present Membership
			M.M.M. Conf.
			M.E.M. Conf.
			R.A. Conf.
			No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears
			Liabilities.
			Assets.
			Cash or Securities.
			Property.
			Dues Outstanding.
			Amount Insurance.
			Amount Expended in Benev'ce
			Prospects.
			Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?

REMARKS—* Four members over 12 months in arrears.

HURON DISTRICT No. 6.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

As Grand Superintendent of this district I beg to submit my report upon the condition of Capitular Masonry therein.

I have visited all the Chapters in the district with the exception of Elliot Chapter, No. 129, Mitchell. I made two appointments to visit this Chapter, but in each case the visit was indefinitely postponed at the request of the Chapter, owing to local conditions which made it inconvenient, until finally my own engagements made it impossible. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to report as to this Chapter, but I would be surprised to learn that it had in any respect fallen away from its former state of efficiency.

BERNARD CHAPTER, NO. 146, LISTOWEL.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on its regular convocation on the 11th day of May last, and witnessed the conferring of the M.M. degree by First Principal Rogers. The work was well done. The Chapter is thoroughly in earnest, and its success is a matter of no doubt.

ST. JAMES' CHAPTER, NO. 46, ST. MARY'S.—I visited this Chapter on the 14th day of May last on its regular convocation, when the R.A. degree was exemplified by First Principal White and his officers in a very accurate and impressive manner. I regret very much having to record the death of the former efficient Scribe E. of this Chapter, Comp. J. A. Donald, who on the occasion of my visit filled the chair of Third Principal, and was a useful member of the Craft.

TECUMSEH CHAPTER, NO. 24, STRATFORD.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter officially on the 21st day of May last on its regular convocation, when the M.M. degree was conferred by the First Principal. Tecumseh Chapter can always be relied upon for excellent work,

and I need say nothing further than that on this occasion it was fully up to its usual standard. The Chapter is in all respects everything to be desired.

LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 84, WINGHAM.—I visited this Chapter on the 5th day of July last at an emergent convocation called for the purpose of conferring the R.A. degree upon several candidates. I think that there is a marked improvement in the condition and prospects of this Chapter. The work is commendable, and the membership is steadily advancing. E. First Principal Kennedy is to be congratulated upon a distinct revival under his rule.

HAVELOCK CHAPTER, No. 63, KINCARDINE.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on the 16th day of November last, and witnessed the exemplification of the M.E.M. degree by E. Comp. First Principal Bruce. This degree, which can be so easily marred by careless floor work, was most impressively and realistically rendered, and although in some details the Chapter clings to the original methods of presenting the degree, it seemed rather to add to its beauty and effectiveness. The Chapter is in all respects a model one.

THE MALLOCH CHAPTER, No. 66, SEAFORTH.—I visited this Chapter at its regular convocation on the 19th day of November last. The R.A. degree was presented very creditably by the E. First Principal. The officers are all painstaking and efficient, the Chapter is flourishing and its prospects are excellent.

LUCKNOW CHAPTER, No. 147, LUCKNOW.—I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this Chapter in January last, and I visited the Chapter officially on the 22nd of November last. E. First Principal McLeod conferred the M.M.M. degree, before my arrival, and then exemplified the R.A. degree in my presence. The Companions of this Chapter are very zealous, some of them travelling many miles in all weathers to attend the meetings. E. Comp. McLeod does his work well, as also do his officers, but I regret having to complain of undue delay in making the returns. In all other respects the Chapter is entitled to praise, and is sure to succeed.

SAUGEEN CHAPTER, No. 50, WALKERTON.—This Chapter was kind enough to call an emergent convocation to receive my official visit, which was made on the 26th day of November last. There were, however, four candidates for the M.M. degree, but owing to my late arrival all but one had been advanced before I reached the Chapter. To relieve the acting First Principal I conferred the degree upon the remaining candidate myself, and am able to report that the various officers were thoroughly familiar with their work and well able to present it. The prospects of the Chapter are improving.

CHANTRY CHAPTER, No. 130, SOUTHAMPTON.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on its regular convocation on the 27th day of November last. The R.A. degree was conferred by First Principal Ross, assisted by E. Comp. Belyea. E. Comp. Ross is a faithful and conscientious Principal and a good workman. The Chapter at large is composed of good Masons, and its condition is most satisfactory.

HURON CHAPTER, No. 30, GODERICH.—I am, myself, the First Principal of this Chapter, and presided at all its meetings. Although there was not a large increase in its membership this year, I have no doubt of its future. The officers are capable and faithful and the position quite assured.

In conclusion, I beg to thank the district for the great honor conferred upon me in electing me for a second term to the office of Superintendent, and also for the courtesy and hospitality with which I have been everywhere met, and in retiring I can assure my successor that his task will be a pleasant one.

Fraternally submitted,

E. L. DICKINSON,

Grand Supt., Huron District, No. 6.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

I have the honor, as Grand Superintendent, to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Niagara district, No. 7, during the past year.

My first act on entering upon the duties of my office was to send to the several Chapters the following letter :

“ On entering upon the duties of Grand Superintendent of this important district, I desire to acknowledge thankfully the confidence extended to me by the representatives of the Chapters present at the recent meeting of Grand Chapter, and their kind expressions of their personal goodwill at the close of the elections. I trust that when I render an account of my stewardship, that they will not regret their choice.

“ I hope in due course to pay at least one official visit during the year to each of the Chapters, and have every expectation that the blessings of harmony and brotherly love will continue to prevail in the future as in the past throughout the district. I would be greatly obliged if the Scribe E. would transmit to me regularly notices of all meetings of your Chapter, so that I may be able to keep in touch with the work throughout my district.

“ At the meeting of the Grand Chapter, it was pressed upon the Superintendents that a Chapter of instruction should be held in each district. While in some cases a Chapter of instruction is of great benefit, it seems to me in a district such as ours, where railway connection between the Chapters is not of the closest, that it would be better, and add more to the enjoyment of the ordinary members, if each Chapter would arrange one or more fraternal visits with other Chapters and exchange work in the different degrees. In my experience this has been

of great benefit, and has aroused interest and enthusiasm among all classes of members, and I strongly urge the adoption of these visits.

“Wishing you every success during the coming year.”

The Scribes Ezra are careful and painstaking as a rule, some of them remarkably so. The Principal Sojourners, I take the greatest pleasure in saying, are able lieutenants to the Principals. It is also most gratifying to me to note in each of the chapters of my jurisdiction, the continued faithfulness and zeal of a number of the Past First Principals. In some instances to these veterans belong almost the entire credit of having carried their Chapters through times of difficulty and depression, and to their constant attendance, and able assistance, in whatever capacity their services may be required, may be ascribed the flourishing condition of Capitular Masonry in this district. I have endeavored to stimulate a good fraternal feeling between the several Chapters by the exchange of visits and of work, and from indications expect that great good will result therefrom.

NIAGARA CHAPTER, No. 55, NIAGARA.—I visited this Chapter fraternally on the 7th of June, when the Companions had the pleasure of entertaining M.E. Comp. Wm. Roaf, Grand Z., M.E. Comp. Reid, Past Grand Z., R.E. Comps. Bottomly and Ross, and E. Comp. Freed. The R.A. degree was conferred by E. Comp. Masters and his officers in an accurate and exemplary manner, and was deserving of the commendation of the Grand First Principal, and others present. The attendance was large, and there were a number of visiting Companions from Niagara Falls, Welland, and Grimsby. The “fourth” degree was exemplified in the usual satisfactory manner of Niagara Chapter. I again visited this Chapter officially on Nov. 1st, when the M.E.M. degree was conferred, and although it was not up to the high standard of the work in the Royal Arch, which I had seen on my former visit, still the work of Niagara Chapter is well and ably done, and I was pleased to again meet R.E. Comp. Bottomley at this meeting.

MOUNT NEBO CHAPTER, No. 76, NIAGARA FALLS SOUTH.—I regret that owing to illness in my family I was unable to visit this Chapter on the date arranged. R.E. Comp. Ross, of Welland, very kindly, at my request, filled my place for me. He reports that, although the First Principal was unavoidably absent, being at that time on a visit to England, the immediate Past Z., E. Comp. Murray, conferred the M.M.M. degree, in a pleasing and creditable manner, ably supported by the officers. The attendance was good. The Chapter is in a good healthy condition, with a membership of 171 at the close of the year, having added 26 to their numbers this year.

WILLSON CHAPTER, No. 64, WELLAND.—I visited this Chapter on December 26th, and was accompanied by Comps. W. F. Clarke and P. Falconbridge. There was no work on hand, but R.E. Comp. Ross was present, and I was informed that the work in the several degrees was well and ably done, and the prospects for Willson Chapter should be very bright. and I see no reason why prosperity should not continue, as in the past, for those elected to fill the offices for the next year are fully capable for the work. After labor came refreshment, which was enjoyed, and an hour was pleasantly spent in fraternal intercourse.

MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, No. 19, ST. CATHARINES.—I visited this Chapter on December 28th, accompanied by Comps. Clark and Groce, and was cordially received. The M.M.M. degree was well and creditably rendered, considering that this was the first work done by the newly-installed officers. The books are neatly kept by Comp. A. T. Riddell, S.E., but the amount of dues outstanding is altogether too large. The officers are composed of the right stamp of men, who spare no effort to render the beautiful work of Capitular Masonry in a most impressive manner. The financial standing is excellent, with cash or securities on hand of \$500.00, and property valued at \$1,000. I predict a good year for Mount Moriah under the leadership of E. Comp. Lindsay, who is ably assisted in the east by R. E. Comp. Burch and E. Comps. S. P. Gourlay and L. Yale.

KING HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 57, PORT COLBORNE.-- Was visited by me on Jan. 3rd, 1907. The attendance was not large. There was no work on hand, but after the ordinary routine of business was over, I was asked by E. Comp. Winn, First Principal, to instal the officers for the ensuing year. This Chapter of late years has not occupied a commanding position in the district, having only a small territory to draw from, but I believe it is improving. This year there have been four members exalted, who are of good material, and will be of benefit and influence in the Chapter. The prospects are, I consider, fair.

GRIMSBY CHAPTER, No. 69, GRIMSBY.--This being my own Chapter, I feel some hesitation in commending its good qualities, lest it should be thought that filial feeling had influenced my judgment. I have endeavored however, in my report, to speak as an independent critic, and I do so in this case. I attended every meeting of the year, and visited it officially on January 7th. The attendance was good, considering that it was the evening of the municipal elections, and a heavy rain-storm had prevailed nearly all day. The R.A. degree was conferred in a correct and impressive manner, by E. Comp. Harrison, Z., assisted by V.E. Comp. Lipsit, and the father of this Chapter, E. Comp. Millward, who in spite of poor health from a recent illness, had attended the meeting to do me honor. I am glad to say the Chapter is strong financially, its officers enthusiastic, and good workmen. There have been thirteen admissions. Liabilities there are none, and only three members out of a membership of 70 who are 12 months in arrears of dues. This is largely due to the excellent management of Comp. Falconbridge, Scribe E.

MCCALLUM CHAPTER, No. 29, DUNNVILLE.--I visited this Chapter on January 11th, accompanied by R.E. Comp. Bottomley and Comps. Clark and Randall. This Chapter was at one time among the most enthusiastic Chapters in the jurisdiction of Grand Chapter, but of late years its brightness has been on the wane. It is, however, at the present time, showing evidences of

activity, and I look for it to regain its old-time splendor. There was no work done the night I was there, as it was the meeting for the election of officers. R.E. Comp. Eccles was in the chair, in the absence of the First Principal, and the opening and closing was correctly performed. Throughout the election there was not a shadow of difference, showing that the work of McCallum Chapter for this year will be performed in love and harmony. I was very pleased to meet R.E. Comp. Tipton, a veteran Mason of the district, who occupies a warm place in the hearts of the Companions of this Chapter. There have been four exaltations. The liabilities are practically nil, but the dues outstanding are larger than they should be, but I am assured by V.E. Comp. Amsden, Scribe E., that this will be remedied in a short time, a committee having this matter in hand, who are making good progress. I have no hesitation in saying that I consider the prospects of the Chapter are good.

My reception during the year has in every instance been most cordial, and I desire to express my sincere thanks to the Companions of the district for the honor which they conferred upon me at Toronto in January last in nominating me for the office of Grand Superintendent, and to the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., for his kind approval of their nomination.

If I have been of any service to my district, and to Capitular Masonry, I shall feel amply repaid for the labor which the duties of the office have imposed upon me, and can only express the hope that I have not been unfaithful to my trust.

Fraternally submitted,

A. E. PHIPPS,

Grand Supt., Niagara District, No. 7.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7

		CHAPTER.	
		Number.	LOCATION.
Mt. Moriah..	19 St. Catharines..	13	Regular Meetings.
McCallum...	29 Dunnville.....	8	Emergent.
Niagara....	55 Niagara-on-Lake	4 12 12	Total.
King Hiram	57 Port Colborne...	8 4 12 15	Average Attendance Members.
Wilson.....	64 Welland.....	6 3 9 15	Average Attendance Visitors.
Grimsky....	69 Grimsby.....	8 2 10 25	Annual Dues, per Member.
Mount Nebo	76 Niagara Falls, S.	8 2 10 19	No. Members last Return.
		13 3 16	Petitions Accepted.
			Candidates Initiated.
			Affiliations.
			Restorations.
			Withdrawals.
			Suspensions.
			Deaths.
			Present Membership
			M.M.M. Conf.
			M.E.M. Conf.
			R.A. Conf.
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TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 8.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

I have the honor to present my report as Grand Superintendent of Toronto District, N. 8, for the year 1906. The past year has been an active one throughout the district, nearly all the Chapters increasing their membership. The character of the ritual work has been good, and there has been a manifest desire on the part of the officers to discharge their duties faithfully and well. Scribes E. have been attentive and painstaking, and yet in some of the Chapters I should like to see a smaller number of Companions in arrear for dues exceeding one year. Having in obedience to the Grand Z. procured from each Chapter a copy of its by-laws, I submit the same herewith. Only one Chapter fails to require candidates to sign the by-laws, but this omission, I hope will be supplied in the coming year.

ST. ANDREW'S AND ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 4, TORONTO,—My first visit in an official capacity was paid to this, my mother Chapter, on Friday, February 16th, when I was cordially received by the First Principal, E. Comp. W. E. Smith. No work was done, the Chapter being closed as quickly as possible in order that the Companions might attend an At Home given by the Chapter in the blue room. This was the first function of the kind held under the auspices of the Chapter in a long time. The work of arranging and carrying out the entertainment was performed by the younger members, and the success which attended their efforts, both in regard to attendance and excellence of programme, reflected much credit upon the committee.

On the evening of the 15th of June the M. E. the Grand First Principal Z. was the guest of the Chapter, and there were also present to do him honor

the R. E. the Grand Scribe E.; E. Comp. Sykes, First Principal of St. Paul's Chapter; E. Comp. Brown, First Principal of Occident Chapter; E. Comp. McLeish, First Principal of York Chapter, and myself. The Royal Arch degree was worked by the regular officers in such a manner as to call forth a measure of commendation from the Grand Z., who also gave subsequently at the refreshment table an interesting and instructive address.

My own visit of inspection was paid on the 16th of November, when the M. E. M. degree was worked by E. Comp. Jolliffe, Second Principal, who is a good ritualist, and the Royal Arch degree by the regular officers in the same creditable manner as in the month of June. The election of officers followed. The books, as kept by Comp. Wm. Howarth, Scribe E., are models of neatness, accuracy, and good penmanship, and the Chapter suffered a loss when Comp. Howarth stated that he found it necessary to decline to take office for the coming year. The Chapter is increasing the number of its members, and I am glad to report that the mother Chapter of the city is enjoying such a measure of prosperity.

KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, No. 8, TORONTO.—By invitation of the First Principal, E. Comp. Jos. Doust, I was present at the convocation held on the 27th of February. Grand Chapter, at the Annual Convocation held the previous month, having conferred the rank of Past First Principal upon E. Comp. Malcolm Gibbs, of this Chapter, and E. Comp. Anthony Malone, of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No. 1, Kingston, these veteran Companions were duly obligated as First Principal. The Royal Arch degree, worked by Past Z's. followed, the First Second and Third Principal's chairs being filled respectively by R. E. Comps. J. B. Nixon and Alex. Patterson and V. E. Comp. W. A. Lyon. The degree was conferred in a very impressive manner. The Chapter is to be congratulated on retaining the interest and attachment of many of its very capable Past Z's. My visit of

inspection was paid on the 25th of September, when the M. M. M. degree was conferred by E. Comp. Doust in an excellent manner. During the year this Chapter sustained the loss by death of its Second Principal, E. Comp. Poulton, a zealous and thorough Mason. Comp. C. H. B. Johnson, Scribe E., is a painstaking and efficient officer, and his books are well and correctly kept.

DORIC CHAPTER, NO. 60, NEWMARKET.—My visit to this Chapter was paid on the 3rd of October. The convocation was the first after the summer vacation. There was a good attendance, and there were four candidates for the Royal Arch degree. Parts of the work were excellent, but others not up to the same high standard. E. Comp. McKay, First Principal, took all the First Principal's work except the lecture at the pedestal, which was given by E. Comp. Coombs in an unusually excellent manner. It was evident that the lack of smoothness was due to the fact that the work had not been sufficiently rehearsed. I could not help observing, however, that the officers are capable Companions, so that all that is required is more careful rehearsing. The books are well and correctly kept.

YORK CHAPTER, NO. 62, EGLINTON.—At the convocation of this Chapter held on the 5th of April I had the pleasure, on behalf of the district, of presenting to my predecessor in office, R. E. Comp. R. J. Gibson, the regalia of a Past Grand Superintendent. My visit for the inspection of work was paid on the 7th of June, and in spite of hot weather the attendance was good. There were two candidates for the Royal Arch degree, W. Bro. Dr. Thompson, W.M. of Wilson Lodge, and Bro. Duncan, a son of the genial Scribe E. of the Chapter. The degree was conferred in a correct and impressive manner. E. Comp. McLeish, First Principal, is well-known in the lodges as a good ritualist, and his work in the Chapter is of the same character. The other officers also are capable. The Chapter is fortunate in possessing a Past Z., V. E. Comp. Wm. Duncan, in the

office of Scribe E. His books are neatly and correctly kept. New members are not required to sign the by-laws. The reason for the omission I failed to discover. This Chapter draws its material not only from the country district, but also from the city, in which it has concurrent jurisdiction. Its members, therefore, go long distances to its convocations, but as it has energetic officers it gains in strength. Certainly nothing can be more fraternal and enjoyable than the hour with the Companions at refreshment after labor.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, NO. 65, TORONTO.—This Chapter occupies a prominent position in the Royal Craft, its membership including many Companions distinguished both in symbolic and capitular Masonry. It is also noted for excellence of work and true Masonic brotherliness. Its tone is high in the best sense, and its atmosphere is one of culture and kindness. I had the pleasure of being present by invitation on the 12th of March, when R. A. Comp. E. B. Brown was invested as Grand Principal Sojourner. The Royal Arch degree followed, there being three candidates, and with the exception of that part of the ceremony at the veils, which was weak as a result of the unavoidable absence of some of the regular officers, the work was impressively rendered, being characterized by correctness, precision, and expression. My visit of inspection was paid on the 14th of November, when I was introduced by R. E. Comps. Aubrey White and Benjamin Allen, and warmly welcomed by E. Comp. Sykes and the Companions. The work of the evening was the Royal Arch degree, enriched by appropriate musical selections. Apart from a couple of errors, the character of the work was in keeping with the traditions of the Chapter for excellence. The books have been carefully and correctly kept by Comp. Lewis Riggs, Scribe E. At the close of the year not one dollar of dues was outstanding. This is another mark of distinction which characterizes this Chapter.

OCCIDENT CHAPTER, NO. 77, TORONTO.—This Chapter continues to show great activity under E. Comp.

Brown. It is receiving large accessions to its membership, and its ritualistic work is of a high order. The social feature of the Craft is cultivated, and much enjoyment is derived therefrom. On the 23rd of March a "ladies night" was held. The early part of the evening was enjoyed at a "theatre party," and dancing followed in the Assembly Room, Temple Building. About 600 were present. An excursion to Niagara Falls in July, and a reception given by the officers on New Year's Day were the other special social features of the year, successfully carried out. I visited the Chapter on the 12th of October. The work of the evening was the M. M. M. degree, with E. Comp. Repath as Worshipful Master, and was so well done that I felt bound to say that I had never seen that degree worked better anywhere. It was correctly rendered, and every officer spoke his part deliberately and distinctly, and in such a tone as to carry his words to every part of the large hall in which the convocations are held. I congratulated the officers upon this feature of the work, and all the Companions upon the heartiness with which they joined in singing the odes. The books are well kept by R. E. Comp. Geo. K. Clemens. Harmony prevails, there is the heartiest good-fellowship, and the programme provided at the refreshment table is very enjoyable.

ORIENT CHAPTER, No. 79, TORONTO.—I had the pleasure of being present at the convocation of this Chapter held on the 22nd of February, when Past Z's. conferred the Royal Arch degree, V. E. Comp. Ira Bates being in the First Principal's chair, in which he had served 25 years ago. On the 27th of September I paid an official visit. E. Comp. Maxwell, First Principal, was unable to be present, as he was detained in another city by a business engagement, and the Principal Sojourner also was detained by business. But notwithstanding the absence of these important officers, the Royal Arch degree was worked in good form with four candidates. The First Principal's work was taken by E. Comps. Bain and Gilmour, the former giving also the

long charge at the closing of the Chapter. The Principal Sojourner's place was taken by Comp. Josh. Walford, Senior Sojourner. This Companion had never previously taken this part on the floor of the Chapter, and had never even rehearsed it, and yet he rendered the work in a manner which would be creditable to a Companion regularly filling the office. It was a pleasure to me to compliment Comp. Walford on his proficiency in an office not his own, and also to congratulate the Chapter on possessing officers qualified to fill the First Principal's and the Principal Sojourner's chairs efficiently at a moment's notice. The work was well done throughout. This Chapter has a very efficient Scribe E. in the person of E. Comp. F. H. Anderson, and his books are well kept.

ANTIQUITY CHAPTER, No. 91, TORONTO.—I visited this Chapter on November 19th. The M. M. M. degree was worked, with E. Comp. Lawless, Third Principal, as Worshipful Master, and he rendered the work carefully, correctly and with expression. I was again present on the 17th of December, when, after the elections for the ensuing year, the Royal Arch degree was worked by the regular officers. I could not say that this degree was so well worked throughout as was the Mark degree in the previous month. Some parts were well rendered, and some parts not so well given. It was evident that some rehearsing was required. I was glad to learn from E. Comp. Till, First Principal, that harmony prevails in the Chapter, so that there is no obstacle in the way of continued prosperity. Comp. Perry has been a good Scribe E. On the 21st of January I had the pleasure of installing the officers for 1907.

SUCCOTH CHAPTER, No. 135, UXBRIDGE.—My visit to this Chapter was paid on the 14th of September, and I was accompanied by R. E. Comp. P. T. Lee and V. E. Comp. Dr. Clark. I received a warm welcome from the First Principal, E. Comp. Ormiston, and the Companions, of whom there were about 25 present. The Royal Arch degree was conferred. The work of the

three Principals was good, but it was a matter of regret that another officer's lack of memory marred the ceremony. The Chapter, only about three years in existence, is growing steadily. One good feature of its administration is that the dues are not allowed to accumulate, as no Companion owes more than one year. This desirable state of things is due to the efficiency of the Scribe E., E. Comp. Hare. The equipment of ensigns and banners possessed by the Chapter was made and presented by lady relatives of leading members. Thus it was altogether fitting that after the close of the Chapter the ladies should be admitted to the banquet. This in turn was followed by an enjoyable programme of readings, recitations and songs, and it was an early hour in the morning before good-bye was said. Many of the Companions and their ladies had a drive of two or three hours to reach home. This showed at how much greater sacrifice of time and comfort the Companions who live in country places attend their Chapters than do the Companions who live in centres of population.

SHEKINAH CHAPTER, No. 138, TORONTO JUNCTION.
—By invitation I was present on March 13th, and received a hearty welcome from E. Comp. Dr. Clendenan, First Principal, and the Companions. The M. M. M. was worked, with E. Comp. McMulkin, Third Principal, as Worshipful Master. This Companion is a good ritualist, and his rendering of this degree was characterized by accuracy and fluency. On the 11th of September I paid an official visit. There were three candidates for the M. E. M. degree, E. Comp. J. R. Royce, Second Principal, being Worshipful Master. The work was rendered in that masterly manner which characterizes all this Companion's Masonic work, and which held the attention of all present despite the oppressive heat of the evening. As E. Comp. Royce was about to leave the town for north west Canada, a Royal Arch jewel was presented to him by R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith on behalf of the Chapter. His departure is a loss to Capitular and Craft Masonry in the town. On

the 11th of December I had the pleasure of installing the officers for 1907, assisted by R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith, E. Comp. T. B. Cole, and E. Comp. H. S. King. E. Comp. Royce's departure made a break in the usual order of succession, and E. Comp. McMulkin became First Principal, with E. Comp. Ferguson and E. Comp. Jesse Smith as Second and Third Principals respectively. It is worthy of note that the First Principal is Worshipful Master of Stanley Lodge, the Second Principal is a Past master, and the Third Principal is Worshipful Master of Blackwood Lodge, Woodbridge. I was pleased to see that the book containing the by-laws, which is signed by Companions on their admission to membership contains also a written complete record of the proceedings of all the preliminary meetings leading up to the formation of the Chapter. This is a valuable record for future reference.

THE ST. PATRICK CHAPTER, NO. 145, TORONTO.—This, the latest warranted Chapter in the district, continues to receive large accessions of new members. My visit for inspection of work was paid at an emergent convocation held on the 28th of November, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred on a class of nine candidates, in the presence of over one hundred Companions, a splendid attendance for an emergent convocation. The First, Second and Third Principals' chairs were filled respectively by E. Comp. Cowan, First Principal; R. E. Comp. Howse (in the absence of E. Comp. McQuillan, Second Principal); and E. Comp. Dr. G. Sterling Ryerson, Third Principal. The whole of the work of the degree was rendered with care, correctness, and dignity, and appropriate musical selections added an element of reverence. The Third Principal's lecture was given by E. Comp. John J. Main, P. Z., the Second Principal's lecture by E. Comp. Cowan, Z., and the First Principal's lecture by E. Comp. Jas. Glanville, P. Z., the last named Companion's rendering of the work being even better than his usual well-known excellence. The books are neatly and carefully kept by the Scribe E., Comp. W. S. Milne. The programme of music provided for the after proceedings is of a high

class and speeches are generally eliminated. I cheerfully admit the soundness of the claim which is made on behalf of this Chapter that it has been the means of bringing within the portals of Capitular Masonry estimable brethren who perhaps otherwise would not have entered the Royal Craft, and that it has thus rendered a good service to the Royal Craft. I wish the Chapter continued success and prosperity.

It has been the custom in this Chapter for Principals below the rank of First Principal to obligate in the subordinate degrees. I pointed out to the First Principal that this is a violation of sections 87 and 88 of the Constitution.

In the course of the year I felt it my duty to take exception to the appearance of the following paragraph in the monthly circular, on the ground that it was not in agreement with section 92 of the constitution : "All applications for exaltation and affiliation must be in the hands of the Scribe E. on or before the second Friday of each month, to be considered by the Executive Committee before being placed on the monthly circular to be balloted for." As the First Principal did not agree with my view, I reported the matter to the Grand Z. in order that I might receive his instructions, and he sustained me and ordered that the said paragraph be discontinued.

During the year a beginning was made in the use of the by-law book for signature by candidates on their admission as members, the same not having been previously in use, and the book of Constitution and by-laws are now given to members on their admission.

The question of the fee charged for exaltation in this Chapter has been a live one. The Chapter adopted by-laws in January last, but it was not until May that they were placed in the hands of the Grand Z. for his approval. In these by-laws it is provided that the fee for exaltation shall be \$25.00, but on examination of the Scribe E's. books on December 15th I did not see any entry to show that that fee is charged. I was informed that it had not been the custom to issue receipts

for the admission fee, the placing of the names of new members on the roll being regarded as sufficient evidence of payment, and I was informed further that the posting in connection with the admission of new members at the recent meetings was not then completed. A promise was given that a statement would be furnished me showing the admission fees charged since the by-laws came into force, but at this writing (January 11th) the statement has not come to hand. The inference to be drawn is apparent. This matter is one of serious importance, and there are two considerations involved in it. The first, the general one, is that every Royal Arch Mason is obligated to uphold and maintain the rules and regulations of his Chapter, and that every First Principal on his installation is charged with the duty of seeing that the by-laws are obeyed. The second consideration is the particular one that the city Chapters would not have consented to the establishment of The St. Patrick Chapter if they had known that the new Chapter would charge a lower admission fee than they were charging. I express the earnest hope that the by-laws will be carried out in this as well as in all other respects, and that thus a possible cause of dissension in the Royal Craft in this city will be avoided.

I appreciate very highly the honor which the representatives of the district conferred upon me in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and I have endeavored to discharge faithfully and efficiently the duties of that office. My course has not been at all times smooth, yet I have received much kindness which I cannot forget. I have formed new friendships and cemented old ones and if my service, not forgetting its imperfections, has been in even a small degree beneficial to the Royal Craft, I shall feel amply rewarded for the time, thought and labor which it has been necessary to give to the office.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

R. W. CLEWLO,

Grand Supt., Toronto District, No. 8.

TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 8

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Mem'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z work all Degrees ?		
St. Andrew's and St. John's. A*	4	Toronto...	10	1	11	31	7	3.00	115	16	15	1	4	127	15	14	13	19	...	\$	500.00	150.00	250.00	250.00	...	Good	Yes.
King Solomon's	8	Toronto...	10	1	11	30	7	3.00	157	24	13	2	4	7	1	15	153	12	13	16	26	40.00	314.00	100.00	10.00	Bet'r.	Yes.	
Doric...	60	Newmarket	10	...	10	16	1	1.25	78	5	5	...	...	2	...	...	81	5	5	5	6	...	...	...	100.00	60.00	300.00	50.00	Good	Yes.
York...	62	Eglinton (N. Tor.)	10	2	12	17	3	3.00	60	22	15	2	...	1	...	...	76	15	12	10	30	55.00	415.00	215.00	200.00	192.80	200.00	5.00	Good	Yes.
St. Paul's...	65	Toronto...	9	1	10	23	8	4.80	147	18	14	2	...	3	...	1	159	14	14	11	...	30.00	1602.81	1352.81	250.00	250.00	20.00	Ex.	Yes.	
Occident...	77	Toronto...	11	4	15	60	10	3.00	206	101	51	2	1	8	...	3	252	51	49	49	22	...	1100.00	600.00	250.00	250.00	200.00	70.00	Spl'd.	Yes.		
Orient...	79	Toronto...	10	1	11	25	5	3.00	104	11	6	1	1	2	...	...	110	6	6	7	36	60.00	539.40	181.00	230.00	150.00	200.00	...	Al.	Yes.
Antiquity...	91	Toronto...	10	3	13	24	6	3.00	122	10	11	...	1	10	8	1	115	11	11	11	43	83.50	262.50	167.03	...	181.70	400.00	40.40	Good	Yes.		
Shekinah...	138	Toronto Je.	12	3	15	24	1	3.00	60	23	15	1	...	2	72	
Succoth...	135	Uxbridge	10	3	13	12	2	2.00	70	...	13	...	...	...	1	1	81	13	13	11	...	...	400.00	173.00	500.00	120.00	400.00	...	Good	Yes.
The St. Patrick..	145	Toronto...	10	8	18	85	12	6.00	328	...	101	1	...	8	...	5	417	...	...	...	...	...	450.00	...	...	...	...	50.00	Good	Yes.

REMARKS—A. * 13 Initiated includes 1 of last year not registered.

Withdrawals include some not reported in previous years. 15 deaths include 9 not reported in previous years.

B. 1 H.R.A. conferred by request of Grand River Chapter, No. 70.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

As Grand Superintendent of Georgian District, No. 9, for the year just closed, I beg leave to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this district, and at the same time express my thanks to the Companions for electing me to such a high and honorable position.

Almost immediately after the convocation of the Grand Chapter at which I had been elected, I appointed as district secretary E. Comp. W. J. Ferguson, a most thorough and well-posted Mason on the laws and regulations of Grand Masonic bodies, and he has cheerfully performed every duty required of him.

At the commencement of my term of office, I requested the Scribes E. of the various Chapters to send me notices of the convocations of their Chapters so that I might be in a better position to judge of the work they were doing, and almost without exception I have been receiving notices of their meetings regularly.

At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter several of the E. Companions from Chapters in the district drew my attention to the fact that most of the Chapters in this district were situated in lake-port towns, and consequently many of their members being mariners, they had their largest attendance during the winter months. Taking advantage of this circumstance, I made nearly all my official visits in the month of March before the shipping season opened.

During the year I have visited every Chapter in the district, mostly at their regular nights of meeting, but owing to the long distances one has to travel I found it convenient to request the First Principals of three of

the Chapters to call special convocations. In every instance my request was cheerfully complied with, and I desire most sincerely to express my gratitude to the officers and members of these Chapters for their courtesy and for the large attendance secured at the meetings.

Let me state that I entered upon the duties of my office having in mind that man was not made for the good of Masonry, but rather that Masonry was instituted for the benefit of man, and consequently a Grand Superintendent should act tactfully and be judicious in his criticism so as not to give needless offence, and thus work harm instead of good. Nevertheless I endeavored as far as my knowledge would permit, when I saw inaccuracies, to draw them to the attention of the Companions, except in a few cases when I deemed it advisable to talk the matter over in a friendly way with the First Principal.

In every Chapter of the seven in the district I have seen actual work exemplified, nearly all of it good and most of it excellent. In five of the Chapters the M.M.M. degree was conferred during my visit, and I was much pleased with the material. As I saw these new additions to our number I could not help but think that Capitular Masonry was indeed progressing most favorably in the district. There has been no report made to me of unmasonic conduct, and in one instance only have I received any complaint. In that case it was of a Scribe E. who did not, according to the by-laws of his Chapter, give the necessary notice when issuing summonses for a regular convocation. It happened that I made my official visit on this occasion and I knew there was a good attendance. The complaint was made after the meeting was over, and I wrote the Companion that if objection had been made prior to the meeting the proceedings must have been stayed, but since no objection was made, I was not aware of anything that could be done.

I might mention here that all the Chapters treated me with great hospitality, a banquet having been prepared on every occasion of my official visit.

At the request of the Grand Z., I made particular enquiry and found that all the Chapters have by-laws, and that a copy of them, together with the book of Constitution, is presented to every candidate on his admission.

MACPHERSON CHAPTER, No. 86, MEAFORD.—I visited this Chapter March 15th, at their regular meeting. E. Comp. Jas. Sparling, Z., opened in the Royal Arch, and after conducting the business of the Chapter, closed. He then opened in the M.M.M. degree. Three candidates were advanced to this degree, and although in many respects the ceremony was made quite impressive, most of the officers doing their work well, yet I expressed the opinion that the ceremony would have been more impressive if the attention of the candidates had not been attracted so much by the exclamations of some of the Companions. This Chapter has by-laws, but having run short of the Constitutions and by-laws, the candidates were not presented with them. The First Principal, however, promised that these should be furnished as soon as possible, and I am happy to state that this promise has been fulfilled. I examined the books of the Scribe E. and found them well kept. This Chapter has a register furnished by the Grand Scribe E., and I would recommend every Chapter contemplating the purchase of a new one to procure one similar. Although Macpherson Chapter a few years ago was not in a favorable condition, it has made wonderful strides in the last few years, largely due to the efforts of E. Comp. Sparling, Z., and E. Comps. White and Hare, P.Z's. I noticed, too, among the junior officers, some Past Masters, whom I know are most proficient in the ritual of Craft Masonry, consequently I look forward with much confidence to the future success and prosperity of Macpherson Chapter.

MANITOU CHAPTER, No. 27, COLLINGWOOD.—I visited this Chapter March 16th. I knew Manitou was one of the best in the district, and consequently I expected to see good work, and in this I was not disappointed. E. Comp. Whipps, Z., opened and closed most creditably in the Royal Arch. He then opened in the M.M.M. degree, and three candidates were advanced.

The manner in which this degree was conferred would be hard to surpass. E. Comp. Whipps knew his work well, and was splendidly supported by an efficient staff of officers, among whom the Senior Deacon deserves special mention. The books kept by Comp. A. W. Lawrence, Scribe E., and under the watchful eye of V.E. Comp. Gregory, are most neatly and accurately kept. The Chapter has excellent by-laws, and each candidate was presented with a copy, and also with the book of Constitution. Manitou Chapter is blessed with P.Z.'s, among whom are E. Comps. Hughes and Saunders. It also has many Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge officers, who take a great interest in the welfare of the Chapter. No wonder it has long flourished and shows every sign of continuing to do so.

GRAND RIVER CHAPTER, No. 70, BRACEBRIDGE.—I visited this Chapter March 19th. It was opened by E. Comp. Mills, Z., in the Royal Arch, and according to the new work. Two candidates were exalted. The Third Principal and Principal Sojourner were unavoidably absent, but the impressiveness of the ceremony did not suffer, as these offices were efficiently filled by competent officers. The manner in which this degree was exemplified could not easily be excelled. E. Comp. Mills, Z., a young officer, is to be congratulated not only on his own good work, but on that of his junior officers as well. I was given a copy of the by-laws of this Chapter, and I was assured by the E. Z. that each newly advanced candidate was presented with a copy, and also with a book of Constitution. Comp. Francis P. Warne, Scribe E., was courtesy itself in showing me every detail in connection with his books, and they are indeed models of efficiency and accuracy. R.E. Comps. Huber and Whitten, and E. Comp. Mills, Sr., were present, and they have a right to feel proud of the splendid efficiency and prosperity of the Chapter to which their labors in no small degree have contributed. E. Comp. Mills is a splendid officer, and no doubt Grand Chapter will hear of him again.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 103, NORTH BAY.—I visited this Chapter March 20th. E. Comp. Cross, Z.,

was called away to Winnipeg about two weeks before, and was unable to get back in time for the meeting. I was assured, however, that he was a good officer. The Companions were anxious that I should have a pleasant time among them, and having nearly all day to spend in their town, I had a good opportunity of enjoying their hospitality. I have a faint idea that feeling a little uncertain of their proficiency in the ritual in the absence of the E. Z., and some of the other officers, they endeavoured to capture my good will before the Chapter opened. At any rate, from the remarks made by some of the Companions, I expected to see some very poor work. However, when the Chapter was opened by E. Comp. Rorabeck, P.Z., in the new way, I could see no reason for complaint. After the Chapter was closed the lodge was opened in the M.M.M. degree, and again I was agreeably surprised, for although some of the officers were not very proficient, yet the degree was exemplified quite impressively and fairly accurately. It was a little late when R.E. Comp. J. T. Lovell arrived, being unavoidably detained, but I know he has the interest of the Chapter at heart, and much of the present efficiency is due to his efforts. Considering the fact that it was an emergent meeting, and so many of the regular officers absent, I have good reason to feel pleased with St. John's Chapter. I examined the books of Comp. H. J. McCubbin, Scribe E., and was pleased to find them kept in good condition.

SIGNET CHAPTER, No. 34, BARRIE.—Before I visited this Chapter, March 21st, I had a premonition that not only would I be unable to give the Companions there any pointers on the work, but that I would in all probability pick up a few myself, for I remember that R.E. Comp. W. J. Sutherland, who instituted Amabel Chapter, Wiarton, was a member of this Chapter, and also that R.E. Comp. W. J. Hallett, Past Grand Registrar, and from whom I had learned much from his visit to our Chapter, was also a member. Several candidates were advanced to the M.M.M. degree, and I am sorry I did not see this degree exemplified, because I know it could not be surpassed with E. Comp. Cowan, P.Z., in the chair.

However, I was in time to see the M.E.M. degree exemplified by R.E. Comp. W. J. Sutherland ; indeed I would have been sorry to miss this degree, not only because of the excellent manner in which it was worked, but because it was the first time I had had the pleasure of seeing it exemplified during my visits. After the lodge closed in the M.E.M. degree the Chapter was opened, and several candidates exalted. Needless to state, the work was excellent, every officer, from E. Comp. E. A. Wakefield, who is a most efficient Z., down to the lowest, having his part up perfectly. In almost every Chapter in the district are one or more officers who not only know their work well, but deliver it impressively. In Signet Chapter every officer, I think, without an exception, was very accurate and impressive. From the large number of good men who are admitted to this Chapter it seems destined to long continue to have the largest membership in the district. The present and future officers having seen the degree well conferred since they were candidates themselves, and endeavouring to emulate the example of their predecessors in office, may be expected to try and uphold the splendid tradition of their Chapter. Needless to state, the books of Scribe E. in the hands of R.E. Comp. W. J. Hallet are kept in perfect order.

GEORGIAN CHAPTER, NO. 56, OWEN SOUND.—I visited this Chapter on the night of election of officers, viz., Nov. 20th. I was also present at the installation ceremony, Dec. 18th. During the election I was satisfied an excellent staff of officers were being chosen, for this being my mother Chapter I am personally acquainted with many of the members. After the election I had the pleasure of seeing the Royal Arch conferred by E. Comp. W. H. Wright, P.Z. I trust the Companions of Georgian Chapter will pardon me when I state it entirely surpassed my expectations. The energy and the proficiency of the presiding officer seemed to communicate itself to the others, so that all the officers did exceedingly well. Comp. Binkley took all the veils and did the work well, but in a Chapter of such large membership as Georgian there ought to be little difficulty in having individual

officers at each veil. I think it has a better impression on the mind of the candidate. The occasion of my official visit was the first time I had been in the new lodge room, and I desire to congratulate the Companions on the beauty of its adornments and the excellence of its appointments. I was happy to meet again in the Chapter room R.E. Comp. Dr. Cameron, an old veteran in Masonry, and who did so much to help Amabel Chapter in its earlier days. Also E. Comp. Rutherford, who has been Scribe E. longer than my memory serves me. This year the Companions very reluctantly allowed him to retire from an office he has filled ably and well.

AMABEL CHAPTER, No. 131, WIARTON.—Being my home Chapter, it is very seldom I am absent from its meetings, consequently an official visit was a matter of form. However, I made such a visit on the night of the election of officers. The Companions, including the officers themselves, were desirous of conferring a favor on E. Comp. Rev. Smyth by electing him to the office of Z. This act barred promotion, and all the other officers were re-elected. This arrangement promises good results. In the early part of the year I had ample opportunity of observing the work of the officers, and I can assure the Grand Chapter that it will compare very favorably with most of the Chapters in the district. Several of the present officers were very proficient W.M.'s in Craft Masonry, and they brought into the Chapter all their former energy and enthusiasm. Comp. D. Huether makes an efficient Scribe E., and it is largely due to his efforts in keeping the dues well paid up that the Chapter, although in existence but a few years, is entirely out of debt, and has a small surplus on hand. The Chapter endeavours to follow the custom of Craft Masonry in having candidates somewhat instructed in the former degrees before advancement. It also aims at conferring only one degree on a candidate the same evening.

In conclusion, I again desire to thank those who were instrumental in placing me in the honorable position Grand Superintendent. I believe I have endeavoured

to perform the duties of my office to the utmost of my ability, and as my term of office is now over I can look back with delight to the pleasant visits I have had with the Companions of Georgian district.

Fraternally submitted,

S. E. FOSTER,

Grand Supt., Georgian District, No. 9.

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario District, No. 10 :

I regret that owing to business engagements and illness it was impossible, much as I desired it, to visit all of the eleven Chapters comprising the district. The Scribes E. of the different Chapters, however, kept me well informed of what was being done by sending regularly a copy of the summons of each Convocation of their Chapter.

I am pleased to report that peace and harmony reigns throughout the district, and that a considerable increase in membership has been made during the year. Only three of the Chapters appear in a dormant state, one, I regret to say, being my mother Chapter. The coming year, however, I trust will bring renewed interest and life to them all.

All the Chapters report that a copy of the Constitution and the Chapter by-laws are presented to the candidates and that a copy of the by-laws has been sent to the office of the Grand Scribe E.

The work of the several Chapters I was able to visit was creditably done and very uniform.

MIDLAND CHAPTER, No. 94, LINDSAY.—My first official visit was made to this Chapter on October 25th. R. E. Comp. Craig accompanied me. We had the unexpected pleasure of meeting here R. E. Comp. Nixon, Grand Lecturer, also R. E. Comp. Burch. The M. E. M. degree was conferred by E. Comp. Kelly and his staff of officers in a very creditable manner. This Chapter

is in good condition and has made a large increase in membership during the year. The Companions are looking forward to occupying new and more convenient premises in the near future. Comp. Patrick, Scribe E., has his books kept with the greatest neatness. After the Chapter closed a very pleasant hour was spent around the supper table.

EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, No. 45, COLBORNE.—My next visit was to Excelsior Chapter, Colborne, on Dec. 4th, and although it was a very stormy evening there was a good attendance of the Companions. The Chapter occupies very convenient premises, but lacks some of the equipment. Comp. Thorne, Scribe E., has his books always in good shape and will make an efficient officer in the chair to which he has been advanced. The R. A. degree was conferred on three candidates by E. Comp. Southon and his officers in a very creditable and impressive manner. A very nice repast was served in their comfortable banquet hall when the usual toasts were given and responded to.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 35, WHITBY.—I visited this Chapter on Dec. 21st and installed the officers for the ensuing year. In this pleasant duty I had the able assistance of my immediate predecessor, R. E. Comp. Huggard, also of E. Comp. J. W. Odell, Z. of St. John's Chapter, Cobourg, who kindly accompanied me on this visit and performed the duties pertaining to the office of J. during the ceremony. After installation the Chapter closed down and a lodge of M. M. M. was opened. E. Comp. Britton and his officers then conferred the degree on two candidates who were in waiting. The work being done in a manner reflecting great credit on the officers taking part.

VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 37, PORT HOPE.—This was my last visit, made on January 9th. I had arranged to visit this Chapter some time ago but owing to a sudden illness was unable to do so. There was a good attendance of the Companions, although I had only been able

to give them a few hours' notice. The Chapter has a bright outlook for the coming year and every officer takes the greatest pains in correctly rendering his part. The rooms are large and convenient. Conferring the M. M. M. degree on three candidates was the event of this evening. E. Comp. Bailey and his officers being assisted by R. E. Comps. Might, Smith and Robertson. The work of all the junior officers reflected the careful training of these veterans of the Royal Craft, and was greatly enjoyed by the Companions who accompanied me from Cobourg, among whom were R. E. Comp. R. J. Craig, E. Comp. Munson and Comp. J. H. Purdy. E. Comp. J. W. Sanders, Scribe E., is very prompt in issuing his summonses and neat and accurate in his manner of keeping the books and records of the Chapter.

I had arranged to visit Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough, Nov. 23rd. I very much regret illness prevented me so doing. It being their Past Z's. night, the entire work of the R. A. degree was exemplified by Past Z's.

I had also arranged to visit King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington, on Dec. 12th, but owing to the illness of their Z. on that date I had to cancel it.

Before closing permit me to express my thanks to the E. Comps. for the honor conferred on me at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, and my one regret is that I have not been able to fulfil the duties of Grand Superintendent more efficiently.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. HEWSON,

Grand Supt., Ontario District, No. 10.

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10

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PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and Officers of the
Grand Chapter of Canada :*

I beg to submit the following report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this district :

THE MOIRA CHAPTER, No. 7, BELLEVILLE.—I paid my first official visit to this Chapter at their regular convocation, May 1st, and was very cordially received, and had the pleasure of seeing the Royal Arch degree conferred on two candidates. The work of E. Comp. Morden and his officers was delivered in a well nigh perfect manner. I have seldom seen the work done better. This Chapter is doing good work and lots of it, and is in a very prosperous condition. After the work of the evening was finished we retired to the banquetting hall where the fourth degree was worked as only Bellevillians know how to work it. There were present some forty-five Companions and a very enjoyable time was spent.

The books of this Chapter are very carefully looked after by Companion Wm. McKeown, who is a model secretary.

ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, No. 26. TRENTON.—I visited this Chapter officially May 10th, 1906, and witnessed the exemplification of the Mark Master and Royal Arch degrees which were conferred in a very excellent manner by E. Comp. McClung and officers. Too much cannot be said in praise of their skill, every officer is a complete master of his position. This Chapter is going ahead by leaps and bounds, and is adding a great many new members, who seem to be of the right kind of material. The books are kept by a master hand, one well skilled in the Craft, and to the Scribe E., R. E. Comp. Spencer, is due in no small measure the success of St. Mark's Chapter. The social feature of the evening was fully up to date and much enjoyed by the forty or more Companions present, as well as by myself.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, NO. 72, STIRLING.—Accompanied by R. E. Comp. Spencer and E. Comp. McClung, of St. Mark's Chapter, Trenton, also Comp. Gordon, of Aylmer Chapter, No. 81, I made my official visit to this Chapter May 31st, and saw the M. M. M. degree conferred on one candidate, which, with the assistance of those who accompanied me, was performed in a fairly creditable manner; what the result would have been without that assistance is hard to say. The attendance was small, but it was more than offset by the cordiality of the reception tendered me as the representative of Grand Chapter. At the close of the evening's work we were tendered a magnificent banquet, and after the wants of the inner man were satisfied a pleasant hour or two was spent in social intercourse, speech and song, closing a pleasant, and, I trust, a profitable evening. The books of this Chapter show a sound financial state of affairs and are carefully looked after by R. E. Comp. Halliwell, who is a very painstaking, enthusiastic and efficient officer.

MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, NO. 44, NAPANEE.—I visited this Chapter on June 13th, accompanied by Comps. Jno. L. Graydon and Barker, of Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, and witnessed the exemplification of the M. E. M. degree by E. Comp. Reid and officers, and I never have had the pleasure of seeing this degree worked in a better manner. The quality of the work shows that each and every one of them are well skilled. After the close an adjournment was made to the banquetting hall where a pleasant hour or two was spent socially.

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, NO. 31, PICTON.—This being my mother Chapter, I have had the privilege of attending all of its convocations during the year, and although the new members added to its roll have not been so great as formerly, this is no doubt due to the advance in fees, while we have not made as many Royal Arch Masons as formerly, we think we have made better ones. I made my official visit on October 8th, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred by E. Comp.

McGillivray and his very efficient staff of officers. The quality of the work done by this Chapter is so well known that words of praise from me are altogether unnecessary. The affairs of the Chapter are in a healthy state, and it has many years of usefulness before it.

All the Chapters in this district, except The Moira, No. 7, present each of its members on joining with a copy of the Constitution of Grand Chapter and a copy of approved printed by-laws. Moira Chapter has a committee at work on a new set of by-laws which they hope to submit for approval not later than February, which, when it has been approved, will, with the Constitution of Grand Chapter, be presented to each of its members.

I cannot conclude this report without expressing to the Companions of this district my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, and of the great kindness and courtesy extended to me on my official visits. The utmost harmony exists throughout the district, and my term of office has been to me one of very great pleasure and profit.

Fraternally submitted,

R. E. WRIGHT,

Grand Supt., Prince Edward Dist., No. 11.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12.

*To the Excellent Grand Z., Principals and Officers of
the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

As Grand Superintendent I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Lawrence District, No. 12.

I have visited each of the Chapters in the district at least once during the year, with the exception of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1. I wrote to the Scribe E. on the 22nd September last asking when it would be agreeable and convenient for them to have me pay my official visit and received a reply on October 5th that my letter would be laid before the Chapter at a meeting on October 19th, and a promise that I would be informed of their decision; I did not hear anything further from them until the 27th December, when I received a letter from R. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch asking me to come on January 18th, 1907, which would be too late for my report, and as I have never received a notice of any meeting of the Chapter I was not in a position to pay them a visit, which I very much regret.

I am pleased to report a fairly progressive year for the Chapters generally, and as great a degree of uniformity in the work as could be expected. I have called the attention of the Principals to the necessity of complying with the requirements of Grand Chapter in presenting a candidate with the book of Constitution and the by-laws, and have been assured that this will be more strictly observed. I would recommend that my successor should see that this has been carried out.

MAITLAND CHAPTER, No. 68, NORTH AUGUSTA.—I paid my first official visit to Maitland Chapter, No. 68, North Augusta, on September 7th, accompanied by five Companions from Brockville, there being a good attendance of the members. The Mark degree was con-

ferred in a creditable manner, after which we were hospitably entertained, and although this Chapter is small numerically, yet the members are enthusiastic and prospects good.

SUSSEX CHAPTER, NO. 59, AND ST. LAWRENCE CHAPTER, NO. 100, BROCKVILLE.—My next visit was to Sussex and St. Lawrence Chapters of Brockville, on October 5th, a joint meeting, when they were visited by about twenty-five Companions from Ogdensburg, N.Y. There were about fifty members of the Chapters present and the Royal Arch degree conferred by the officers of both Chapters. At the conclusion of the meeting a splendid entertainment was provided in the banquet hall. As I have been present at nearly all of the meetings of these Chapters, I can readily testify to the efficiency of the officers. Both the Chapters are compiling new by-laws on the confirmation of which the requirements of the Grand Chapter will be observed.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 112, MORRISBURG.—On November 5th I paid a visit to St. John's Chapter, No. 112, at Morrisburg, accompanied by R. E. Comp. W. H. Mowat and E. Comps. Knapp, Chapman and Forbes, of Brockville, to assist in conferring the several degrees upon six candidates. Dispensations have been granted to this Chapter to instal as Principals, two Companions who have not the constitutional requirements and under whose rule I feel assured the Chapter will be progressive. The Scribe E. is a very efficient official, and among the members there is plenty of good material for good and energetic officers.

LEEDS CHAPTER, NO. 132, GANANOQUE.—To Leeds Chapter, No. 132, of Gananoque, was my next visit, on November 7th, when I was accompanied by R. E. Comp. Mowat. Although this Chapter is the youngest in the district, it is the strongest numerically. The attendance at this meeting was about fifty. The Mark degree was conferred in a manner that left nothing to be desired, and it was a great pleasure to note the en-

thusiasm displayed by the officers and members. After the meeting we were entertained at a banquet, where a very pleasant time was spent.

GRENVILLE CHAPTER, No. 22, PRESCOTT.—On November 13th I visited Grenville Chapter, No. 22, of Prescott. There were about fifteen members present, and as there were no degrees to confer the Chapter was opened and closed, this being done in a manner that satisfied me that the officers were quite capable of performing their duties.

COVENANT CHAPTER, No. 113, CORNWALL.—My last visit was to Covenant Chapter, No. 113, of Cornwall, on November 21st, which was one of great pleasure, there being about forty Companions present, the officers conferring the Mark degree in a manner calling for the highest praise. I wish to compliment the Scribe E. of this Chapter for the admirable manner in which his duties are performed, as will be noticed in the appended report, that with a membership of ninety there is only the small sum of \$12.00 in outstanding dues, and Covenant Chapter is to be congratulated on having the services of such an efficient officer.

In conclusion I desire to thank the Companions for the great honor conferred upon me in electing me as their Grand Superintendent, and for the many kindnesses shown to me in my official capacity, and to R. E. Comp. W. H. Mowat, P.G.S., for his valuable assistance.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. DOWELL,

Grand Supt., St. Lawrence District, No. 12.

	CHAPTER.	
	Number.	
	LOCATION.	
	Regular Meetings.	
	Emergent.	
	Total.	
	Average Attendance Members.	
	Average Attendance Visitors.	
	Annual Dues, per Member.	
	No. Members last Return.	
	Petitions Accepted.	
	Candidates Initiated.	
	Affiliations.	
	Restorations.	
	Withdrawals.	
	Suspensions.	
	Deaths.	
	Present Membership.	
	M.M.M. Conf.	
	M.E.M. Conf.	
	R.A. Conf.	
	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	
	Liabilities.	
	Assets.	
	Cash or Securities.	
	Property.	
	Dues Outstanding.	
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	Prospects.	
	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?	

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of Grand Chapter :

Herewith I beg to submit my report on Capitular Masonry in Ottawa District, No. 13, for the year 1906.

To the representatives of the various Chapters and members of Grand Chapter who unanimously recommended me to the M. E. the Grand Z. as Superintendent of this district, I tender my sincere acknowledgments of the great honor bestowed upon me and shall ever remember this expression of approval and esteem.

I have also to record the pleasing incident of the presentation of the regalia of a Past Grand Superintendent to R. E. Comp. John L. Culbert at the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. This token of appreciation by the district was well timed and is a just due to the R. E. Companion for his untiring zeal in the interests of the Royal Craft.

My term of office has been most pleasant and harmonious and my reception by the several Chapters most fraternal. The work on the whole is well done, the only subject for debate being a few minor points in the M. E. M. All the Chapters but one are prosperous and well officered, and their finances in a creditable condition.

CARLETON CHAPTER, No. 16, OTTAWA, has for the past number of years invited all of the sister Chapters in the district to an annual reunion in their Chapter room, which opportunity of making a fraternal visit has been eagerly seized by the rural Companions. As the popularity of these assemblages continued to grow and the interest to increase the meetings finally became real Chapters of Instruction for the district and as such were regarded. On the 17th of November a most successful gathering of the Royal Craft took place. Many enthusiastic Companions were present from Renfrew, Pem-

broke, Almonte, Smith's Falls, Carleton Place, Vankleek Hill and Maxville and, the occasion was graced by the presence of M.E. Companion A. Shaw, P.G.Z., representing the Grand First Principal. In the afternoon the M.M. M. degree was worked by E. Comp. Payne in an able and impressive manner. The subordinate officers were thoroughly well posted. At the conclusion of the M. M. M. the M. E. M. was exemplified by E. Comp. Garrioch, whose manner of delivery is second to none. It is faint praise to say that the work was well done. It was excellent and made a deep impression on the visiting Companions. After the degrees had been finished a thorough and complete discussion of the proceedings took place which was most harmonious and keenly appreciated. At eight o'clock in the evening one of the largest convocations of the Royal Craft ever seen in the city assembled to witness the exaltation ceremony which was presented by E. Comp. Shane and the officers of Carleton Chapter in a manner not to be surpassed. Every officer performed his work thoroughly and intelligently. The appointments were in accord with the regulations of Grand Chapter and the Companions properly clothed. The mystical lecture was delivered by R. E. Comp. Luke, and the mere mention of this fact will assure you that it was a masterpiece. During the course of the evening M. E. Comp. Shaw gave an interesting address on the secret work of the degree which was warmly welcomed. The evening concluded with an elaborate banquet, with good speeches, songs and stories.

Too much credit cannot be given to Carleton Chapter for their disinterested fraternal spirit in providing this annual reunion which is a source of reliable information to the outside Companions who look eagerly forward to each annual recurrence of the auspicious solemnities.

MAPLE CHAPTER, NO. 116, CARLETON PLACE.—I made my first official visit as Grand Superintendent to this my mother Chapter on the regular meeting night, Feb. 5th, 1906. There was a good assembly of

Companions and much interest manifested. Owing to the absence from the town of E. Comp. James Garvin, R. E. Comp. D. H. McIntosh occupied the chair and conferred two M. M. degrees in his usual perfect manner. His support by the officers was fair, but showed lack of practice, no doubt owing to the fact that their installation was so recent. The books are admirably kept and the financial condition of the Chapter excellent.

GRANITE CHAPTER, No. 61, ALMONTE.—As Grand Superintendent I inspected this Chapter on Tuesday evening, Feb. 13th. The attendance was small but the offices were all filled. The work presented was an exaltation which was done by E. Comp. McCarthy, First Principal, in a faultless manner, and the assistance by the two Principals beyond adverse criticism. The manner in which the junior officers performed their work was worthy of all praise. The books are correctly and neatly kept and the arrears of dues small. The outlook for this Chapter is excellent.

CARLETON CHAPTER, No. 16, OTTAWA.—Although my inspection of this Chapter on Friday evening, Feb. 16th, was a surprise to the Companions, I found a large gathering of the Royal Craft present. My early visit was more for the purpose of having a confidential talk with the Companions relative to matters affecting the work and for an example, I requested E. Comp. Shane First Principal, the privilege of working the M. M. degree. The officers are thoroughly well up in their work and completely conversant with all detail. Many questions were asked and a general discussion led by R. E. Comp. John Culbert, E. Comp. John Robertson and E. Comp. Timmins, of Bonnechere Chapter, was productive of much good in elucidating obscure points. Altogether my visit was most successful and I left with the assurance that Carleton Chapter is in excellent condition both as regards the fitness of its officers and its financial standing.

ST. FRANCIS CHAPTER, No. 133, SMITH'S FALLS.—Accompanied by R. E. Comp. D. H. McIntosh and E. Comp. McAllum, of Maple Chapter, I made an official

visit to this Chapter on the regular meeting night, Friday, Feb. 23rd. Owing to the recent large fire in the town and the consequent exodus of Companions to obtain temporary employment, the attendance was limited, but over twenty-five members were present. My reception was most cordial and fraternal and the Companions manifested an enthusiastic interest in the work. An exaltation was presented for inspection, which was well done in every respect, all the officers being in their places and thoroughly familiar with their duties. We had an informal discussion upon the work of all the Chapter degrees and many points of interest were discussed. The books are well kept and the Scribe E. especially capable. Under the direction of the present council, assisted by E. Companions Martin and Houston, this Chapter is bound to be one of the best in the district.

GLENGARRY CHAPTER, NO. 143, MAXVILLE.—My visit to this Chapter was made with doubts and apprehensions, as I had grave fears as to its prosperity. I was most fraternally received and from the moment of leaving the train was the recipient of every evidence of fraternal regard. The night was dreadful, the rain and snow poured down and the mud was deep and mortar-like, but over twenty Companions were present in the Chapter room. There being no work, I requested the First Principal to open the Chapter, when we discussed matters pertaining to this work and closed down. A lodge of M. E. M. was next opened, and after discussion and explanations, closed. Finally the M. M. M. lodge was opened, discussed and closed. The Principals know their work well and the junior officers fairly well. The financial condition is excellent. This Chapter has been struggling against adverse conditions ever since its institution, but the pluck of its officers is gradually overcoming the difficulties, and I anticipate a bright future for the Royal Craft in Maxville.

BONNECHERE CHAPTER, NO. 114, RENFREW.—A most successful and enthusiastic convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday evening, April 16th, at

which I paid my official visit. All of the officers were present and a fair number of the Companions, among whom were R. E. Comps. Barr and McKay. The Chapter room was most beautifully arranged, the banners complete and the council and subordinate officers properly clothed. E. Comp. Cox, First Principal Z., conducted the routine business of the evening with marked skill and ability, in which he was ably seconded by R. E. Comp. Barr and E. Comp. Dixon, the Second and Third Principals. One ballot was favorably passed and two applications for exaltation were received. E. Comp. Wade, pursuant to notice of motion, was successful in having the fee raised, at which I was much pleased. There being no work, we had a general and most pleasant discussion on many features of the R. A. and subordinate degrees, during which E. Comp. Dr. Campbell and Comps. MacKay, Wright and Airth gave evidence that they were earnest seekers for knowledge; many questions were asked, some of which I was able to answer. Altogether the evening was most pleasant and gratifying. The Chapter was closed in a perfect manner. This Chapter is in excellent condition and evidences of continued prosperity are manifold.

LAURENTIAN CHAPTER, U. D., PEMBROKE.—No returns having been made to Grand Chapter in reference to this newly established Chapter, its welfare was especially commended to me by the Grand Scribe E. By communication with my immediate predecessor, R. E. Comp. John L. Culbert, who instituted the Chapter, I was put in touch with what had been done. His opinion was most favorable, which, I am happy to say, fully coincides with my own. I made my official visit on the regular meeting on April 19th, 1906, and, with the exception of Scribe E., who was absent through illness, found all the officers present. The Chapter room is the best outside of Ottawa City, and the appointments full and complete with the exception of the small banners. The Chapter was opened perfectly and the executive work well done. The records are neatly and admirably kept and the financial condition all that could be desired. The officers are well instructed and

complete masters of their work. After the Chapter was closed, a candidate was received and acknowledged as a M. E. M. in a ceremony that was fully up to the high standard of efficiency insisted upon in this district. E. Comps. Sparling, Leitch and Copeland make a splendid council and the Sojourners are well up in the work. Many points of interest in connection with the several degrees were fully discussed, and I am led to believe that a very satisfactory evening was spent, I confidently advise the issue of a warrant to this Chapter.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 148, VANKLEEK HILL.—This Chapter, instituted after considerable misgivings, by the Companions interested, has more than realized the expectations of its well wishers, and is now one of the best in the district. I made my official visit on Friday, May 4th, 1906, accompanied by R. E. Comp. J. L. Culbert, who has taken a more than fraternal interest in the welfare of the Royal Craft in Vankleek Hill. A goodly representation of the Companions was present; the attention and interest sustained throughout the whole evening, and the Companions thoroughly well trained. Owing to the absence of the First Principal who has moved from the locality, E. Comp. Elvidge occupied the chair, and conducted the routine work in a highly satisfactory manner. The necessary dispensation having been obtained, R. E. Comp. Culbert installed the officers in a ceremony of the most praiseworthy character, and gave some sterling advice to the Companions. Interesting points in all the degrees were discussed, and the Chapter closed by the new officers in a manner beyond adverse criticism. The prospects for the ultimate success of the Chapter are of the brightest.

Fraternally submitted,

A. S. GORRELL,

Grand Supt., Ottawa District, No. 13.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13

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Carleton...	16	Ottawa.....	9	5	14	16	4	3.00	100	10	10	4	1	1	1	2	111	10	9	9	21	\$	850.00	\$	300.00	\$	200.00	\$	250.00	\$	45.00	Good	Yes.
Pembroke..	58	Mattawa.....	2.40	41	41	30	..	488.79	169.54	319.25	250.00	250.00	Fair.	Yes.		
Granite....	61	Almonte.....	7	..	7	11	1	1.50	59	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	61	3	3	3	42	200.00	100.00	150.00	Fair.	Yes.	
Bonnechere	114	Renfrew.....	10	..	10	15	1	2.60	74	4	4	..	5	2	..	71	4	4	4	5	..	520.00	380.00	500.00	18.00	300.00	25.00	Good	Yes.		
Maple.....	116	Carleton Pla.	10	1	11	15	1	2.00	57	7	7	7	1	63	7	8	8	5	..	750.00	450.00	300.00	34.00	300.00	5.00	Good	Yes.		
St. Francis	133	Smith's Falls	12	2	14	13	1	3.00	42	7	7	7	..	1	..	48	7	8	8	1	..	550.00	10.00	490.00	50.00	200.00	5.00	Good	Yes.		
Glengarry..	143	Maxville.....	11	1	12	15	4	2.00	45	6	6	6	..	3	..	48	6	12	12	31	75.00	350.00	82.75	200.00	Good	Yes.		
St John's..	148	Vankleek Hill	9	..	9	13	1	3.00	43	2	1	1	1	1	..	44	1	5	30.00	..	450.00	10.00	Good	Yes.		
Laurentian	151	Pembroke....	8	1	9	15	2	3.50	31	3	5	36	5	10	7	8	250.00	28.00	200.00	50.00	Good	Yes.		

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Grand Officers and
E. Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

I herewith have the pleasure to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Algoma District, No. 14, for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1906. First of all, I desire to thank the Excellent Companions of this district for the confidence they reposed in me, by recommending my appointment to the highest office in the district. I consider it a great honor, a great privilege to be permitted to attain this high standing among my Companions. It was with considerable reluctance that I accepted, knowing full well my limited ability would be taxed to its utmost capacity in order to follow in the line of my illustrious predecessors. I, however, accepted the office with the determination to perform the duties appertaining thereto fearlessly, impartially and to the very best of my judgment and ability. This I have endeavored to accomplish with what measure of success I leave it with the Chapters to determine. I was unable to be present at the last Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, consequently my installation was arranged for in Algoma Chapter, No. 102. This ceremony was performed on Friday evening, Feb. 10th, 1906, by R. E. Comp. R. Roberts, assisted by R. E. Comps. Hearst and Knight, an emergency convocation having been called for that purpose. The E. Principals, officers and Companions of Algonquin Chapter tendered me a banquet at the conclusion of the ceremony. This, although quite unexpected, was nevertheless appreciated.

My first official act was the issuing of a circular letter addressed to all the Chapters in my district, outlining a number of matters concerning Capitular Masonry in general, but more particularly this 14th district. I appointed Comp. C. A. Leavey, of Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, district Scribe E. for the year. Comp. Leavey is an old Hamilton boy at present travelling

for one of the leading firms of that city. His acquaintance with every part of the district was of great assistance to me in arranging my official visits, and I always found Comp. Leavey ready and willing to perform all matters entrusted to his charge.

Algoma District, No. 14, comprises approximately 20,000 square miles or 12,800,00 acres. It is bounded on the east by Nipissing, on the west by Manitoba, on the south by Lake Huron, St. Mary's River, Lake Superior and the state of Minnesota, and on the north by Keewatin and James Bay. In this vast territory we have but seven Chapters and 500 Companions. To visit these seven Chapters I travelled eighteen hundred miles and was absent from home fourteen days. I left Sault Ste. Marie on Saturday, August 18th, by steamer Huronic, and after a pleasant trip of 280 miles on Lake Superior I arrived at Port Arthur on August 19th, leaving the same day by Canadian Northern Ry., for Fort Frances. The pretty little town of Fort Frances with eight hundred inhabitants, is built on the north bank of the Rainy River, three miles below the lake of the same name. This place was originally an old Hudson B. y Co's. fort named after an English lady, wife of one of the first directors of the company. There is a natural waterfall on the river at this point, which at the present time is being developed by a syndicate who propose when completed to establish pulp mills and other industries. The town suffered a severe loss a few years ago by being almost completely reduced to ashes. Masonry likewise suffered, having their hall and belongings burned.

ALBERTON CHAPTER, U. D., FORT FRANCES, was instituted Dec. 11, 1905, by R. E. Comp. Judge Chapple, of Kenora, with a charter membership of nine. I visited this Chapter on the evening of Aug. 20th, being my first official visit. Thirteen Companions were present, which, considering their total membership, was a good attendance. This Chapter is numerically the weakest in this district. I received a most cordial welcome from E. Comp. Hollands, E. Comp. Sissons, Comps.

Fraleck, Strathem, Busby, and others. The M. E. M. degree was exemplified in a fairly efficient manner, the work, however, of E. Comp. Hollands being done in a creditable way. The Chapter was opened and closed in all three degrees. This Chapter has a very complete outfit of degree paraphernalia, but their present quarters are much too small to properly confer the Chapter degrees. They anticipate more commodious quarters in the near future, when, I feel certain, the little bunch of Chapter Masons will not rest satisfied until they have reached the highest standard of perfection. This Chapter, like all others, situated in small towns, has many difficulties to contend with. The present "westward" movement has left many vacancies throughout this district. E. Comp. Carr, the Third Principal, having moved west, his chair was thereby vacant. At the close of the Chapter I was invited by E. Comp. Hollands to the Couchiching Hotel where a most sumptuous repast was provided with all the dainties and delicacies in and out of season. A most enjoyable hour was spent in a social way, Fort Frances Companions proving themselves by way of entertainment most excellent Masons.

ATWOOD CHAPTER, No. 149, RAINY RIVER, ONT.—I arrived by train from the east at 5.18 a.m. and soon discovered that early morning hours did not prevent E. Comp. Stephenson, Z. of the Chapter, from meeting and escorting me to my hotel. Rainy River is a new town, having made tremendous growth during the few years of its existence. The principal industries are lumbering and milling. I had the pleasure of being shown through one of the large planing and sawing mills by E. Comp. Stephenson, and I am of the opinion that Rainy River can make good their boast of having one of the finest equipped saw mills in the world. The town is situated on the north shore of Rainy River and just across the water a few rods distant is the State of Minnesota. The lake, river and town all bearing the same name, "Rainy," does not imply that they were so named by reason of a damp or wet climate. It is said that many years ago an Indian by the name of Raine

was the first to discover and explore the lake and river, hence the name Rainy. Atwood is a young Chapter, this being their first year under warrant. Capitular Masonry has progressed favorably notwithstanding the fact that several vacancies have been caused in the Chapter by the removal of Companions from the town. The Companions hold their convocations in the same room with the blue and the Masons of Rainy River have no reason to be ashamed of their premises. The lodge room proper, though small, is exquisitely painted and decorated. The Chapter has a full and complete assortment of furniture, robes and regalia fully paid for and a comfortable surplus in the treasury. I visited Atwood Chapter on Tuesday, Aug. 21st, and received an enthusiastic welcome from E. Comp. Stephenson, Z., the officers and Companions present, twenty-five in number. The M. M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate in an impressive manner. E. Comp. Stephenson demonstrated his ability to confer the degree with that earnestness which would leave a lasting impression for good on the mind of the candidate. The work of P. S. was taken by Rev. Comp. Johnston, and, although not the regular officer, he performed his part well. I have never witnessed the work given with more grace, dignity and accuracy than that displayed by him. Comp. Johnston resides at Boucherville, some twenty-five miles from Rainy River, yet he is one of the most regular attendants at Chapter. The Chapter was opened and closed in all three degrees in a satisfactory manner. Labor being over I was invited to the banquet hall where a tasty supper was prepared by the ladies which in quantity and quality was par excellence. An hour was spent feasting and speech-making, E. Comps. Stephenson, Robertson, McCrimmon and Companions Perrin, Johnston, and others contributing special attention to this enjoyable feature of my visit.

My next town to reach from Rainy River is Kenora. There are two ways to go, by boat down Rainy River and through the Lake of the Woods; the other, by R. R. via Winnipeg. The latter route I selected, and at

5.18 on the morning of August 22nd found me boarding a Canadian Northern train for Winnipeg. I was fortunate in having with me in this part of my trip E. Comp. Robertson, H. of Atwood Chapter, No. 149. E. Comp. Robertson is General Manager of the Rat Portage Lumber Co., of Rainy River. He is genial in his manner, is courteous and thoroughly imbued with the spirit of fraternity, and I am indeed indebted to him for materially lessening the monotony of a long, tiresome journey by rail. The Prairie City is now in sight and I soon found myself in the western metropolis. I spent half a day and evening sight-seeing with my cousin, Mr. Munro, son of Mr. D. E. Munro, P.D.D.G.M. of Huron District, Auburn, Ont. I had the pleasure of meeting R. E. Comp. John Leslie, Grand H., for the first time, and although we had but an hour's conversation, the impression he left on my mind was that of high character, dignity and exalted ideals. I have to thank the R. E. Companion for several offers of entertainment, all of which I was obliged to decline owing to limited time and previous engagements. On the morning of August 23rd, at 7.25 I boarded a C.P.R. train for Kenora, arriving there at noon time.

GOLDEN CHAPTER, No. 90, KENORA, ONT.—The town is situated on a rising slope overlooking the beautiful Lake of the Woods, where all nature is aglow with beauty and splendor, an ideal spot for a painter, a paradise for a lover of natural scenery. The town has a business-like appearance, is progressing and thriving. The lake shore and islands are adorned with hundreds of summer residences. Immediately after my arrival I was invited by E. Comp. Campbell, Z., of Golden Chapter, to spend the afternoon on the lake. The Trixie, a staunch gasoline launch, built and owned by Mr. William Chapple, son of R. E. Comp. Judge Chapple, P.G.S. of this district, was in readiness for the occasion. Our party were R. E. Comp. Judge Chapple, R. E. Comp. Ferguson, E. Comp. Echlin, Comp. Stewart and Mr. Wm. Chapple. The day was perfect, the party in an entertaining mood and the scenery around the lake and islands surpassed anything I have ever seen. I am

indeed grateful to the Companions for a pleasant and profitable afternoon. I visited Golden Chapter, No. 90, on the evening of Aug. 23rd and received a warm welcome from E. Comp. Campbell, Z., officers and Companions of the Chapter. The M. M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate by E. Comp. Campbell and junior officers assisted by R. E. Comp. Chapple in such a manner that they left scarcely any reason for criticism. Golden, No. 90, is progressing steadily in membership and is in good financial standing. This Chapter owes much of its attained success to the energetic efforts of R. E. Comp. Judge Chapple, who has been untiring in his endeavors to make Golden one of the foremost Chapters in this district. He enjoys the confidence of all his Companions and is full of determination to do his utmost to perpetuate the principles of Capitular Masonry, realizing that success depends largely upon individual effort. After the Chapter had been opened and closed in all three degrees we adjourned to the banquet hall where everything possible was present to tempt the inner man. A social hour having been spent, I proceeded to the C.P.R. station, accompanied by a party of the Companions headed by E. Comp. Campbell, who insisted on seeing me off, although my train was two hours late. Finally the arrival of the train brought to a close one of the most enjoyable visits of my trip.

SHUNIAH CHAPTER, No. 82, PORT ARTHUR.—I arrived at noon from Kenora and found the town in bustle and commotion preparing to meet and welcome the Governor-General and Lady Grey. The reception took place in the afternoon and the patriotism displayed by the citizens left no doubt in my mind as to their loyalty to King and country. "Shuniah" is an Indian word meaning "money," the blue lodge in this town bearing the same name. These Masonic institutions when organized, evidently had money, because they own their present quarters which are situated on one of the finest locations in town. Shuniah is the oldest Chapter in the district. I visited it on Friday evening, Aug. 24th, and experienced a number of disappointments. E. Comp. Johnson

First Principal, was absent from town and it was intended that R. E. Comp. Morgan would fill the chair. Unfortunately R. E. Comp. Morgan was ill and unable to be present. My disappointment can easily be imagined when I tell you I had been looking forward with pleasure expecting to have the benefit of his wisdom and good judgment in conferring degrees, knowing full well the ritualistic ability of this distinguished P. G. Supt. I sincerely regretted his inability to be present, and I hope and pray his illness may be of a local nature and that he may be long spared to enjoy Masonic communion with his Companions. Still another disappointment greeted me. R. E. Comp. Roberts, late of Sault Ste. Marie, but now a resident of Port Arthur, was also unable to be present owing to illness in his family. Comp. Roberts is an enthusiastic Chapter Mason and a life long and beloved friend of the writer. Notwithstanding the many disappointments that seemed to dampen my visit a goodly number of the Companions were present and accorded me a hearty welcome. E. Comp. McKibbon, acting Z., E. Comp. Alex. Smith, H., E. Comp. Aylesworth, J., and junior officers, assisted by E. Comps. Jno. McRae and Jno. Hollinshead, conferred the M. M. M. degree on Rev. Bro. Wallace with so much earnestness, so much ability and so much effectiveness that it was evident to me Shuniah Chapter has a band of willing workers continually on hand, who are ready and capable of taking any chair on short notice and performing the duties appertaining thereto with becoming ability and grace. The Chapter was opened and closed in the M. M. M. and R. A. degrees. We partook of an extremely appetising lunch in the banquet room and after a pleasant chat dispersed. I am indebted to the kindness and courtesy of Comp. Archie Gray, an old time friend of many years standing, for fittingly entertaining me during my stay in town. I further wish to thank E. Comp. Hollinshead for his thoughtfulness and kindness in liberally contributing to my comfort and happiness.

FORT WILLIAM CHAPTER, NO. 140, FORT WILLIAM, ONT.—I landed here on the morning of the 27th and was

met by E. Comp. Higginbottom, Z., and E. Comp. Symes, J. of the Chapter. The morning was spent in viewing their magnificent municipal and other public buildings. A trip around the harbor and up the Kaministiquia River was arranged for the afternoon. E. Comp. J. T. Cameron, of Algonquin Chapter, an old time friend of mine, arrived at noon from Chap-leau, having travelled two hunderd miles to be present with me on the occasion of my official visit to this Chapter. Needless to say I was pleased to meet him and the Fort William Companions were delighted to have him join our party. At 2 p.m. we boarded the fast and commodious naphtha launch Isabel, owned by E. Comp. Jno. McRae and in charge of his son. The following composed our party :—E. Comp. Higginbottom, E. Comp. Jno. McRae, E. Comp. Cameron and Comp. Armstrong. Fort William has many points of interest around the harbor. I visited their Chapter on Monday evening, Aug. 27th, and was accompanied by E. Comp. Cameron. About forty Companions were present. I received a rousing reception from E. Comps. Higginbottom, Z., Hollinshead, Mitchell, Symes and the junior officers and Companions of the Chapter. The R. A. degree was exemplified when three candidates were exalted to that supreme degree. The work of the Principals and junior officers was entirely satisfactory, nothing being introduced to detract from the solemnity and beauty of the degree, the work of Comp. Grant, P.S., being perfect and well worthy of special mention. Fort William Chapter at present hold their convocations in the Odd Fellow's Hall, but the Masons of Fort William expect to erect a new Masonic Temple in the near future, when, I feel certain, with all the accommodation and advantages that such a building would afford, Fort William Chapter will be second to none in the district. They are well equipped with furniture and regalia, are progressive and up to date in every way, and have a comfortable sum of money in their treasury. The Chapter having been called from labor to refreshment, an hour was spent in the banquet hall, where a luxurious spread was awaiting us. This feature was quite up to the standard, exemplifying a

further evidence of sociability and good companionship. Fort William Companions are all right.

On Aug. 28th I again took the steamer Huronic, homeward bound, and after an uneventful trip on Lake Superior, landed in Sault Ste. Marie on Aug. 29th, being absent from home twelve days, travelling 1,454 miles and visiting five Chapters.

TUSCAN CHAPTER, NO. 95, SUDBURY, ONT.—It was a jolly party that took the noon train on Oct. 17th bound for Sudbury. Accompanying me there on my official visit to Tuscan Chapter were E. Comps. D. W. Green, Z. of Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, R. G. Campbell, and T. E. Simpson, and Comp. Fred. Richardson. We arrived at Sudbury in the evening and were met at the train by R. E. Comp. Chris. Reid, P. G. Supt., E. Comp. Evans, Z., and the officers and Companions of the Chapter. A large attendance of members was present and three candidates were exalted to the Supreme degree of the H. R. A. The degree work was exemplified by E. Comps. Evans, Orr and Reid, Principals, and the junior officers, assisted by R. E. Comps. Reid and Dr. Arthur and Comps. Gill and Dorsett in such a manner as to remove all doubt from my mind as to their ability and capacity to confer this important degree with that earnestness and effectiveness so necessary to leave a lasting impression for good on the mind of the candidate. The duties of the Grand Superintendent were extremely light, no room being left for criticism. If I should attempt to particularize I would be obliged to mention all who took part in the work, suffice it to say that the degree was conferred with accuracy and precision and to my entire satisfaction. Comp. Cressey, the Scribe E., is an able officer, his books and records being at all times in perfect order. The Chapter being duly closed, we were invited to the banquet hall, where the warmth and cordiality of the magnificent reception tendered us was immeasurable. After we had enjoyed the good things so kindly provided for the occasion, an hour of oratorical eloquence was listened to, the leading

features of which were able addresses by R. E. Comp. Reid, E. Comps. Evans, Orr, Reid, Gill, Dorsett and Comps. Cressey and Fowler. The visiting Companions of Algonquin Chapter were in turn called upon and each rose to the occasion with grace and dignity. Auld Lang Syne brought the happy gathering to a close.

Noon the next day found us again boarding a train homeward bound, and from the moment we arrived in Sudbury until the train pulled out bearing us away, the Companions of Tuscan Chapter were constantly with us administering to our comfort and happiness. I was well pleased with my visit to Tuscan Chapter and I will not soon forget the hearty, genuine and royal manner in which I was received and entertained by the good Companions of Sudbury.

ALGONQUIN CHAPTER, NO. 102, SAULT STE. MARIE.—Last but not least comes my mother Chapter. What shall I say of her? Being a regular attendant at the convocations and in perfect touch with all their movements, I consider it quite unnecessary to visit officially. On the invitation of the E. First Principal I paid No. 102 an official visit on Friday evening, Nov. 16th. Everywhere I have been received with kindness and fraternal courtesy, but the reception I met in this, my mother Chapter, outshone them all. The officers and Companions exhibited such loyalty, such devotion, such a true spirit of good feeling as surpasses the ability of the writer to express, but which will linger clear and distinct in memory until time shall be no more. Algonquin is the banner Chapter of this district both from a membership standing and proficiency of work. I can safely go further and say that the work done in this Chapter will compare favorably, if not surpass, that done in any other in our Grand jurisdiction. Three candidates were exalted, the ceremony being performed by E. Comps. D. W. Green, Z., Simpson, H., Ross, acting J., and junior officers in a faultless and perfect manner. The degree was admirably exemplified, every officer from the first down giving an exhibition of perfect ritualistic work. The appointments of this

Chapter are correct, the robes and clothing gorgeous and the Chapter generally well equipped with the necessary implements and ornaments, including the twelve tribal banners which are beautifully wrought in silk. Music in degree work is one of the leading features, and to this end the Chapter has added a magnificent piano. Comp. C. B. Sexsmith, Scribe E., is a Companion and officer of more than passing ability. He has conducted the affairs of the Chapter for the year in a business like way, his books are neatly kept and the records complete to date. The Chapter, generally speaking, is progressive and conducted everyway in accordance with the regulations as laid down by the Grand body. The labor for the evening being ended, we adjourned to the banquet hall where covers were laid for one hundred guests. The tables were loaded with good things, cut flowers being as numerous as the sands of the sea. After all had taken part in exemplifying this 4th degree, the usual toast list was proceeded with. The leading speaker of the evening was E. Comp. Moses McFadden, and short addresses in choice and eloquent language were also delivered by R. E. Comp. R. H. Knight, E. Comps. D. W. Green, T. D. Ross and T. E. Simpson and Comps. C. A. Leavey, C. V. Campbell and C. B. Sexsmith. "God save the King" brought this visit to a close

Algonquin Chapter has suffered a severe loss this year in the removal from Sault Ste. Marie of some of its most prominent workers—R. E. Comp. Richard Roberts, and E. Comps. J. T. Cameron and D. W. Green

I have carefully examined the books and records of each Chapter and find them in every case neatly kept. In two of them I found the records incomplete. I would strongly urge the Scribe E. of each Chapter to keep a copy of all letters and records for reference.

In accordance with the request of the M. E. the Grand Z., re by-laws, I beg to report as follows:—Shuniah, No. 82, Algonquin, No. 102, Fort William, No. 140, and Atwood, No. 149, have printed by-laws,

a copy of which is presented to each candidate on his being advanced. Tucson, No. 95, are revising their by-laws at the present time and Golden, No. 90, hope to have printed by-laws during the coming year. Alberton being U. D., has no by-laws.

A number of the Chapters also present each candidate with a copy of the Constitution, and I have recommended all to do so. I also recommended the adoption of new by-laws for Atwood, No. 149, amendments to by-laws for Algonquin, No. 102, and Fort William, No. 140.

Comp. C. C. Fraleck having been appointed to fill the vacant chair of J. in Alberton Chapter, U.D., I arranged for his installation in Shuniah Chapter, No. 82. The ceremony was performed on Sept. 15th by R. E. Comps. Roberts and Ray and E. Comp. McKibbon.

In the midst of life we are in death. The fact that I am called upon to record the departure from this life of beloved Companions, brings sorrow and sadness to my heart. The death angel has entered this district, claiming Comps. Geo. W. Stadly and Harry R. Saunders, of Algonquin, No. 102; Wm. Newcombe, Fort William, No. 140; and two Companions of Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur. Let us improve our time. Let us so live that when our time shall come, be it soon or later, we may be ready and anxious

“To meet our Pilot face to face when we have crossed the bar.”

I am glad to report that perfect peace and harmony prevails throughout this district and I trust this happy state of affairs may continue to exist. A year of most pleasant official relations has ended. A year to me in which many new friendships have been formed and those then existing more closely cemented. The hearty welcome I have received from every Companion in the district, that I came in contact with, is a great source of satisfaction and happiness to me. No one could sever his relationships under such existing conditions,

without feeling the pangs of regret. I have labored in season and out of season, to the very best of my ability, in order that I might restore again to my Companions, the trust, the confidence and the honor they reposed in me, pure and unsullied. Undoubtedly I have made mistakes, but they were not wilful ones, and I ask you all as Masons to cover up my faults and imperfections with the broad mantle of charity and brotherly love.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

CHAS. W. McCREA,

Grand Supt., Algoma District, No. 14.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z work all Degrees ?	
Shuniah...	82	Port Arthur...	12	5	17	18	3	1.25	96	15	12	1	..	4	6	2	97	12	11	5	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Ex.	No.	
Golden...	90	Kenora...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tuscan...	95	Sudbury.....	8	2	10	12	1	2.00	55	9	3	1	..	2	..	..	57	3	4	3	20	60.00	150.00	25.00	125.00	108.90	20.00	Good	Yes.	
Algonquin.	102	Sault S. Marie.	12	12	24	23	2	2.00	158	26	21	..	..	4	3	2	170	21	20	3	..	1700.00	1000.00	700.00	62.00	500.00	40.00	Good	Yes.	
Ft. William	140	Fort William..	13	2	15	18	4	2.00	54	22	19	1	..	2	..	1	71	19	23	4	..	600.00	255.00	345.00	18.00	300.00	56.00	Ex.	Yes.	
Atwood...	149	Rainy River..	9	2	11	12	1	3.00	31	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	34	3	1	4	4	274.05	74.05	200.00	20.85	..	Good	Yes.		
Alberton...	152	Fort Frances..	8	5	13	11	2	5.00	9	9	9	1	..	..	..	..	19	9	8	7	..	365.00	65.00	300.00	34.95	300.00	Good	Yes.		

MANITOBA DISTRICT, No. 15.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :—

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Manitoba District, No. 15.

All the Chapters in this district appear to be progressing very satisfactorily, and although I am sorry to have to report that almost my first official act was to ask Zeredatha Chapter, No. 111, to surrender their charter, still the last part of my term of office has been brightened by the knowledge that a dispensation has been granted to the Royal Arch Masons of Hartney, under the name of "Avondale" Chapter, and that Portage la Prairie is also applying to Grand Chapter for a restoration.

It is with sorrow that I have to report the removal by death of R. E. Comp. W. Braden, who was Grand Supt. of this district during the year 1904. He passed away on the 29th day of July last, deeply regretted by all with whom he had come in contact in his Masonic career. He was a true Mason, quiet and unassuming, but always ready to aid and assist in any good work for the benefit of his brethren and the world at large.

I am sorry that I have not been able, so far, to personally visit Corinthian Chapter, No. 101, Boissevain, nor Keystone Chapter, No. 141, Brandon. However, I wrote asking R. E. Comp. J. D. Baine, Past G. S. of this district, who lives in Boissevain, to send me in a report on the condition of the Chapter there. To visit Boissevain means a day's journey each way, and from the trouble the railroads are having with the snow one never knows when one will reach his destination. Brandon Chapter will be visited by myself or R. E. Comp. Suttie at the January meeting.

PRINCE RUPERT CHAPTER, No. 52, WINNIPEG.—
I visited this Chapter officially on December 6th. Their

prospects are exceedingly bright, and the degree work is a credit to the officers. The number of Companions has been increased from 237 to 261, while their financial standing is good, although I am sorry to say that the amount of outstanding dues, \$826.25, is altogether higher than it should be, and I cannot but think that the Chapter has been too lenient with the delinquents.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, NO. 101, BOISSEVAIN, MAN.—Although unable to visit this Chapter personally, I find that they are in a fairly satisfactory condition. Although their average attendance is not large, still I think that can be explained by the fact that being a small country town most of their members are non-residents and are employed in farming operations, which prevent them attending during the summer months, and the exceptional fall of snow this winter has no doubt kept many from attending the winter meetings. I have to thank the Scribe E. for his promptness in replying to my communications with his Chapter, and also for the regularity he has displayed in sending me the notices of meetings containing particulars of the work to be done.

ZEREDATHA CHAPTER, NO. 111, MORDEN, MAN.—This Chapter, I regret to say, is now extinct, but from the material there is in the district for the maintenance of a Chapter, I hope to see the Royal Arch Masons of Morden apply in the near future for a restoration of their charter.

KING EDWARD CHAPTER, NO. 136, NEEPAWA, MAN.—I visited this Chapter officially on November 14th when the R. A. degree was worked in a very efficient manner by the Ex. Z. Comp. Young, assisted by his officers, and the prediction made by my predecessor as to the bright future in view for this Chapter, appears to have been well founded. I was particularly interested in the welfare of this Chapter, having taken part in its institution in April, 1904. In spite of several unfortunate circumstances by which they lost the services of several of their most prominent officers by death and removal,

they have made excellent progress, and I have nothing but words of commendation for this Chapter. Their work is good, their regalia and Chapter room furnishings are excellent, and above all their interest and enthusiasm in their Chapter is shown in their general proficiency. I have to thank them for the kindly reception and entertainment which they accorded me.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, NO. 141, BRANDON, MAN.—I have not been able to visit this Chapter yet, although I am in hope of doing so in a few days. I had made arrangements to be with them at their November meeting, but unfortunately at the last moment, was unable to attend on account of important business, and as their Scribe E. has failed to send me the summary of information asked for, I am unable to say in this report as to their present status, although from what I can hear, the Chapter is in a fairly prosperous condition.

In reference to each Chapter furnishing itself with the approved by-laws and presenting the same, together with a copy of the Grand Chapter Constitution to every candidate on his admission, I can only speak positively of Prince Rupert, No. 52, and Neepawa, No. 136, both of these complying with this condition. Corinthian, No. 101, and Keystone, No. 136 have both been written to by me for information on this point, but evidently have overlooked my letter as I have received no reply to my query as yet from either body.

I wish to thank the Chapters in this district for the honor they conferred upon me in recommending my name for the position of Grand Superintendent for Manitoba District, No. 15.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

H. COCKMAN,

Grand Supt., Manitoba District, No. 15.

MANITOBA DISTRICT, No. 15

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BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, No. 16.

*To the Most Excellent-Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

I beg herewith to submit my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 16 for the year 1906.

I am pleased to be able to report that peace and harmony have prevailed throughout this district during the past year and that nothing has occurred to mar the feeling of good fellowship that should prevail wherever the Principles of Masonry are understood. The total membership shews a steady and healthy increase, a condition of things to my mind much to be preferred to those sporadic recrudescences whereby Chapter membership is suddenly increased by an abnormal percentage, almost invariably to be followed in a year or two by wholesale suspensions for non-payment of dues.

Early in the year I was approached by one or two brethren at Kamloops regarding the steps to be taken towards forming a Chapter at that place. I furnished them with the information they required, but have since heard nothing more from them.

Later in the year I received a petition from a number of Companions resident in Atlin, B.C., applying for a dispensation to open a Chapter there. I took this matter up and had hoped that the dispensation could have been granted previous to the expiration of my term of office, but owing to the Companions having failed to supply me with some of the information necessary, the whole thing is still in abeyance. I trust that the incoming Grand Superintendent may be able to get things into shape and if the Grand Z. approves that the Chapter will be safely launched.

We had again this year the honor and pleasure of receiving an official visit from the Grand Z. who visited

all the Chapters with the exception of New Westminster. The benefit to Royal Arch Masonry derived from these visits from so distinguished a Mason is incalculable.

WESTMINSTER CHAPTER, NO. 124, NEW WESTMINSTER.—On July 26th I visited this Chapter officially. E. Comp. Creery and a number of Companions of Vancouver Chapter were also present, and during the evening the R. A. degree was conferred in a most excellent manner by the officers of Vancouver Chapter. Westminster Chapter is making a good healthy progress, the membership is steadily increasing and the financial condition of the Chapter is sound. R. E. Comp. Armstrong, Past Grand Superintendent, is now Scribe E. of this Chapter, and his presence in this capacity is a source of great strength.

VANCOUVER CHAPTER, NO. 98, VANCOUVER.—I visited this Chapter officially on Nov. 14th. E. Comp. Creery, the First Principal, conferred the R. A. degree in his usual efficient manner. This Chapter, both in point of seniority and numbers, is the premier Chapter of the district, and ably maintains the right to be so considered. The officers are all well up in their work and the books and finances are in excellent shape.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, NO. 127, NANAIMO.—I visited this Chapter on Dec. 19th. They have a fair membership and their financial condition is good (outstanding dues being rather large, however), still I noticed that meetings were poorly attended and several meetings summoned had to be abandoned for lack of a quorum. E. Comp. Davis, the Z., is well up in the work and can confer all the degrees, and as I learned that he, together with all the other officers, except the Third Principal and Principal Sojourner, had been re-elected for another term, I trust that the experience gained in the past year may enable them to enthuse a little more life into this Chapter.

CYRUS CHAPTER, NO. 142, CUMBERLAND.—I have been unable for various reasons to visit this Chapter, but as the M. E. the Grand Z. visited them in the spring, I feel that their requirements have been well looked after.

At the request of the Grand Z. I wrote all Chapters in my district to learn whether they had printed copies of by-laws, and if it was their custom to present same, together with a copy of Grand Chapter Constitution, to all candidates upon admission. I beg to report that all the Chapters have printed copies of their by-laws and that they present same to all candidates on admission. All Chapters, with the exception of Vancouver Chapter, have been in the habit of presenting copies of the Constitution. The reason given by Vancouver Chapter was that they were not aware that it was necessary, but that of course in the future a copy would be presented. In conclusion I beg to thank those who are responsible for placing me in my present position most heartily, and to express regret that I have not been able to devote more time to the various duties, duties which have at all times, thanks to the Companions, been a great source of pleasure to me.

Fraternally submitted,

R. EDEN WALKER,

[*Grand Supt., British Columbia District, No. 16.*

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, No. 16

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?		
Vancouver.	98	Vancouver.	12	5	17	26	53.00	\$ 219	16	16	16	3	..	7	4	2	224	14	16	16	113	\$ 127.50	\$ 2535.13	\$ 2175.13	\$ 385.00	\$ 493.75	\$ 300.00	\$ 106.50	Ex.	Yes.		
Westminster	124	N. W'minster	7	2	9	15	34	6.00	42	5	5	..	1	1	..	1	45	5	3	3	13	..	382.31	132.31	250.00	190.50	Good	Yes.	
Keystone.	127	Nanaimo.	4	2	6	10	3	6.00	50	3	3	..	..	..	8	1	44	3	3	3	26	..	967.64	648.64	100.00	*319.00	..	25.00	Good	Yes.	
Cyrus.	142	Cumberland.	11	3	14	14	1	9.00	35	9	9	..	..	..	..	..	44	9	9	9	11	..	675.00	325.00	350.00	304.75	350.00	..	Good	Yes.	

REMARKS—*\$219.00 outstanding dues included in amounts.

ALBERTA DISTRICT, No. 17.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members
of the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

I have the honor to present my report as Grand Superintendent for Alberta District, No. 17, for the year ending December 31st, 1906.

The appended form shows the condition of the Chapters in this district, being a substantial gain of membership in each Chapter, except Assiniboia Chapter, No. 126, at Medicine Hat, which has been dormant for three years, and under these conditions would recommend the seizure of the charter.

All the Chapters have printed copies of their by-laws and same, with a copy of the Constitution, is presented to every candidate on his admission, also a copy of by-laws has been forwarded to the Grand Scribe E.

WASCANA CHAPTER, NO. 121, REGINA.—I intended visiting this Chapter officially on February 12th, but on arriving on Saturday the 10th found no meeting had been called, but I had the pleasure of meeting the officers of the Chapter, also R. E. Comp. Young, Past Grand Superintendent, who informed me everything was getting on in splendid shape, and that they expected a fair amount of work for the year, and I am pleased to see that their expectations have been fully realized. An emergent meeting was called for December 5th to receive me officially, but owing to weather conditions I was unable to attend.

ASSINIBOIA CHAPTER, NO. 126, MEDICINE HAT.—Was here on Feb. 13th and met a few of the Companions who thought they could get the Chapter together again. I regret to report that I have heard nothing further from them, consequently have recommended seizure of their charter.

NORTH STAR CHAPTER, NO. 118, EDMONTON.—I visited this my own Chapter officially on Nov. 13th when the Royal Arch degree was conferred in a fair manner. I am sorry to have to report that the meetings were few and that the attendance was small, but everything looks bright for the coming year.

ALBERTA CHAPTER, NO. 106, CALGARY.—Made my official visit to this Chapter on December 4th when I had the pleasure of seeing the Royal Arch degree conferred by E. Comp. T. F. English and his officers in a perfect manner. I was very sorry that I had to leave before the Chapter closed to catch my train and more particularly because I missed a good banquet which had been prepared in my honor.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN W. MORRIS,

Grand Supt., Alberta District, No. 17.

ALBERTA DISTRICT, No. 17

CHAPTER.		Number.		LOCATION.	
Alberta.	106	Calgary.....	12	Regular Meetings.	
North Star...	118	Edmonton...	5	Emergent.	
Vacana.....	121	Regina.....	12	Total.	
ssiniboia....	126	Medicine Hat.	12	Average Attendance Members.	
			3	Average Attendance Visitors.	
			15	Annual Dues, per Member.	
			16	No. Members last Return.	
			23	Petitions Accepted.	
			3.00	Candidates Initiated.	
			\$	Affiliations.	
			96	Restorations.	
			31	Withdrawals.	
			15	Suspensions.	
			4	Deaths.	
			1	Present Membership.	
			115	M.M.M. Conf.	
			15	M.E.M. Conf.	
			15	R.A. Conf.	
			14	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	
			10	Liabilities.	
			\$	Assets.	
			1275.00	Cash or Securities.	
			\$	Property.	
			725.00	Dues Outstanding.	
			\$	Amount Insurance.	
			400.00	Amount Expended in Benev'ce	
			\$	Prospects.	
			150.00	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?	
			\$		
			90.00		
			100.00		
			150.00		
			Good		
			Good		
			Good		
			Yes.		
			Yes.		
			Yes.		

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, No. 18.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

I have the honor to present my report as Grand Superintendent of Kootenay District, No. 18, for the year ending December 31st, 1906.

In the early part of the year I received a complaint from the Grand Scribe E. in connection with some of the Chapters in this district failing to forward proper returns for last year, and also that these reports were not sent to him as early as they should be. The matter was taken up with the Scribes E. concerned and a full explanation forwarded to the Grand Scribe E. I have received word from each of these Chapters that the returns for the current year have gone forward, and have impressed on the Scribes E. the importance of having this done.

I have visited each of the Chapters in the district, excepting Revelstoke, No. 128, and intended to arrange for a meeting there when passing through to institute a new Chapter at Vernon, to be called "Okanagan" Chapter, and for which I received a dispensation from the Grand First Principal in November, but there has been considerable delay in getting it started, and the date has now been set for January 10th, 1907. In this connection I find it difficult to get the required number of First or Past First Principals to complete the Council for installing, the Chapters in some cases being a considerable distance apart and the Companions of the required rank not being able to spare the time required for the trip.

Each of the Chapters in this district is provided with by-laws and a copy of the same with the Grand Chapter Constitution is presented to each member on admission. Copies of these by-laws have been forwarded to the Grand Scribe E. by each of the Chapters.

KOOTENAY CHAPTER, No. 120, KASLO.—Accompanied by E. Comps. McPherson and Irvine and Comp. Deane of the Nelson Chapter, I paid an official visit to Kootenay Chapter, on April 10th, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred by E. Comp. Grigerich and his officers on three candidates in an efficient and impressive manner. In the unavoidable absence of the Principal Sojourner his office was acceptably filled by that veteran, R. E. Comp. Chipman, who performed the duties in a manner that showed he is still thoroughly familiar with the ritual, notwithstanding the exalted positions he has been called upon to fill in the Craft. This Chapter is in good financial condition, the dues well paid up, and it is in capable hands. The banquet which followed the meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

ROSSLAND CHAPTER, No. 122, ROSSLAND.—On March 6th I visited this Chapter, and, assisted by R. E. Comp. Geo. Johnstone of the Nelson Chapter, who accompanied me, and E. Comp. Townsend, installed the officers, after which we were entertained at a banquet, which closed a very pleasant evening. This Chapter has been unfortunate in losing the First and Third Principals, E. Comps. Kerr and Herring, during the year, through removal from the district, also R. E. Comp. Mitchell, who so acceptably filled the office of First Principal for several terms, and took a deep interest in the work of this Chapter as well as the others in the district. The immediate Past First Principal, E. Comp. Townsend has, however, again taken up the work and is carrying it along successfully. The amount of dues outstanding on the books of this Chapter is considerably more than it should be, and I have asked the Scribe E. to give this item special attention.

NELSON CHAPTER, No. 123, NELSON.—On February 21st, assisted by R. E. Comp. Johnstone and E. Comp. Wier, I installed the officers of Nelson Chapter. This being my own Chapter, I will not comment further than to say that I was present at most of the meetings and pleased to see the interest being taken in the work, especially by the younger Companions.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER, No. 125, CRANBROOK.—I paid an official visit to this Chapter on October 26th, when the Mark degree was conferred by E. Comp. McBride and his officers, the latter part of the degree being exemplified in an impressive manner by E. Comp. McKay, Second Principal. There had been no degree work for several meetings previous and on the whole it was not as well done as I would have liked to see it, nor as I am sure it can be done by these Companions with a little more practice. This Chapter has also allowed the outstanding dues to accumulate but the Scribe E. has promised to take the matter up at once with a view to getting the item reduced. After the meeting a banquet was provided and an enjoyable evening spent by all present.

REVELSTOKE CHAPTER, No. 128, REVELSTOKE.—This Chapter was not visited, as previously mentioned. It is in good hands, however, and making satisfactory progress, and from the reports received I feel sure that we many look for a continuation of the good work.

CROW'S NEST CHAPTER, No. 137, FERNIE.—I visited this Chapter officially on October 27th. It being Saturday night and a number of the Companions engaged until a late hour, the meeting had to be held afterwards. There was a good attendance, and, as there was no candidate for degrees, the First Principal, E. Comp. Bleasdel, at my request, exemplified a portion of the Mark degree. I was disappointed in the quality of the work, which is, no doubt, accounted for by the fact that there had not been any of it to do for some time previous. The blue lodge, however, has had a successful year and I consider the prospects of the Chapter good for the coming year. It is in a satisfactory condition financially, the books are well kept and the outstanding dues being looked after. This Chapter was granted a dispensation to change their place of meeting to quarters with Elk River Lodge on March 10th. I find the rooms very suitable for Chapter work, being of good size with convenient ante rooms. There is also a large room in front which is being fitted up as

a club room for the use of the members, giving them a comfortable and attractive place to spend their spare moments. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting and an enjoyable time spent in a social way.

I am unable at present to make any report regarding the new Chapter to be instituted at Vernon, but hope to do so before the convocation of Grand Chapter.

In conclusion I desire to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the position of Grand Superintendent, and my thanks for the kind assistance and many courtesies to me during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

C. H. CRANDON,

Grand Supt. Kootenay District, No. 18.

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, No. 18

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members	Average Attendance Visitors	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Mem'rs 12 Mths. in arrears.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce	Prospects.	Can Ex. 2 work all Degrees ?
Kootenay	120	Kaslo, B.C.	7	1	8 12 1	23 00	38	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	8	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Good	Yes	
Rossland	122	Rossland, B.C.	10	5	15 14	42 00	74	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	27	12 80	1301 26	626 76	450 00	224 50	400 00	10 00	Good	Yes
Nelson	123	Nelson, B.C.	8	1	9 12	13 00	57	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	617 03	267 03	350 00	14 50	200 00		Good	Yes
Rky M'tain	125	Cranbrook, B.C.	9	4	13 12 8	43 00	59	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8 31	37 50	663 59	313 59	350 00	232 90	200 00		Good	No.
Revelstoke.	128	Revelstoke, B.C.	10	2	12 14	3 00	46	23	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	10	8	100 00	1100 00	20 54	550 00	97 75	300 00		Good	Yes
Cr's Nest	137	Fernie, B.C.	9	3	12 18	23 00	34	7	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	7	6	200 00	150 00	59 00	150 00		Ex.	Yes	

KLONDIKE CHAPTER, U.D., UNATTACHED.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

I beg to report on Klondike Chapter, U.D., as follows :—During the nine months it has been in existence the membership has gradually increased until it has now reached a total of seventy-two. Nine regular and nine emergent meetings have been held with an average attendance of twenty-six. Forty-eight candidates were initiated and two were received by affiliation. It was my pleasure to be able to attend all the convocations so that I am in a position to testify as to the quality of the work done, which has been in every respect **AI**, and I can strongly recommend the granting of a warrant. By-laws have been prepared, modelled after a set already approved by Grand Chapter, a copy of which I sent the Grand Scribe E. some time ago, and we are only waiting until the same are confirmed by the M. E. the Grand Z. before putting them into use. Our exaltation fee is \$50, and affiliation \$5.00. The annual dues, which are \$5.00 per year, are payable in advance on the 1st of each year; a card is issued as a receipt, the color of which it is proposed to change yearly. This is given to every member enclosed in a neat leather cover so that it acts as a partial identification card for a travelling Companion as well as showing that the dues are paid. A complete set of books is kept which were forwarded by the Grand Scribe E. The assets of the Chapter are \$868.43 and cash on hand \$789.50, with outstanding dues of \$46.25. We meet in a very handsome building dedicated to the use of Masonry alone.

The blue lodge from which we are recruiting a great many members is in a flourishing condition and has a membership of one hundred and six active members at the present time. The initiation fee to the blue is \$100, and the annual dues \$15. We are their tenants and enjoy equal privileges with them. There is a large

supper and music room on the ground floor; also a good kitchen well stocked with dishes recently imported from England with the lodge monogram on every piece. The appointments of the lodge rooms above are all that could be desired. They are well heated and lighted and in the coldest days in winter with the mercury hovering around 72 below, we are perfectly comfortable.

With kindest regards and every fraternal greeting from the far north, in which every Companion joins.

Fraternally submitted.

G. M. GIBBS, P.G.S.,

Acting Grand Supt., Klondike Chapter, U.D.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. Leslie, seconded by R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, and

Resolved—That the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts be referred to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry to report later on at this Convocation.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A telegram from the M. E. the Grand Z., dated Vancouver, B.C., January 23rd, was read by the Grand Scribe E. as follows :—

Greetings to Grand Chapter. Regret inability to be present. Am improving.

WILLIAM ROAF.

Telegrams and letters explaining occasion for absence from the Convocation were also read from R. E. Comps. Donald Fraser, G.S.N., London; R. J. Craig, Cobourg; William Rea, Ottawa; Ed. Worth, Kent Bridge; T. W. Chapple, Kenora; C. W. McCrea, Sault Ste. Marie; J. K. Brydon, Kenora; R. E. Walker, New Westminster; C. H. Crandon, Nelson; J. M. Shaw, Regina; R. Roberts, Port Arthur.

From R. E. Comp. J. Earl Halliwell, chairman of the Credentials Committee, came a despatch as follows :

STIRLING, ONT., Jan. 22, 1907.

Slipped on ice last evening. Result—compound fracture of right leg. Convey regrets.

An invitation from Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, was read expressing the desire of the Companions at Niagara Falls to have Grand Chapter hold its fiftieth Annual Convocation in 1908 at that place.

PETITION FOR PAST RANK.

Comp. W. Henderson, of Regina, Sask., through Wascana Chapter, No. 121, of that city, claimed that he was a Past Second Principal and a member of Grand Chapter under former conditions, and petitioned that body to confer upon him the rank of a Past First Principal. The request was, by desire of the Executive Committee, referred to the sub-committee on the Grand Z's. address for enquiry and report.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

A communication from the Grand Scribe E. of the recently formed Grand Chapter of Western Australia for recognition and exchange of Representatives was, on motion of R. E. Comp. J. Leslie, seconded by R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of that Committee, which, on motion of R. E. Comp. J. Leslie, seconded by R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

COMPANIONS,—It is with gratification that I am enabled to report in connection with this office a prosperous year and an encouraging outlook. True, we have our weak spots, but even they are not without signs of vitality, and there is abundant hope that with willing assistance, the dry bones may be influenced into unexpected activity. In accordance with Grand Chapter's recommendation of a year ago, the charter granted to the Companions at Morden, Man., was surrendered and delivered into my keeping by the Grand Superintendent of the district. Even then it is intimated that as a custodian my duties may not be permitted to last very long, as it is possible that a renewed enthusiasm will ere long prevail to pave the way for a petition for its restoration.

At the beginning of the year we had 123 Chapters, two of them continued under dispensation. Since then dispensations have been issued to petitioners at Sombra, Ont., Dawson, Y.T., Ancaster, Ont., Vernon, B.C., and Hartney, Man., making the total 128. In addition a petition with fee in regular form was received from Companions at Atlin, B.C., but the preliminary requirements not being completed a dispensation has not been issued.

Warrants to Chapters under dispensation were engrossed, and, being duly signed and sealed, were

forwarded to the First Principals of the Chapters instituted the previous year at Vankleek Hill, Ont., to be known as St. John's, No. 148, Atwood, No. 149, at Rainy River, Ont., and London, No. 150, at London, Ont. The Chapters continued under dispensation were Laurentian, Pembroke, Ont., and Alberton, Fort Frances, Ont.

The Companions at Portage la Prairie are extremely anxious for a restoration of the charter, which, from circumstances of a depressive nature, they were compelled to surrender in 1896. They claim that they are now in a position owing to the growth of the community and the accession of good material to be able to contribute an addition that Grand Chapter may be proud of.

Enquiries have also been received from Kamloops, B.C., High River, Alta., Madoc, Ont., and other places, all showing that there is a growing interest in the establishment and advancement of the Royal Craft in all sections of this great jurisdiction.

Of the dispensations issued for the institution of new Chapters during the year there is every reason to hope for successful results. The petitioners in each case are as follows :

SOMBRA U.D., SOMBRA, ONT.—W. E. Stover, N. B. Roach, Henry Roebuck, G. F. Logan, W. W. Stover, U. S. Cody, Albert Dawson, S. Cornell, and John Boyd, all of Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, G.R.C.

KLONDIKE U. D., DAWSON, Y.T.—Geo. M. Gibbs, P.G. Supt. No. 136, G.R.C., J. Langton Bell, P.G. Supt. No. 2, G.R.C.; Jas. Craig, P.G.S.B., No. 114, G.R.C.; Jas. A. Scougale, A. G. Scougale, No. 45, G.R.C.; Richd. Douglas, No. 8, G.R.C.; John Black, No. 2, G.R.N.B.; J. R. Dawson, No. 27, G.R.Wash.; Will Schlart and Wm. McIntyre, No. 4, G.R.Wash.; W. C. Brayton, No. 57, G.R.Cal.; John Borland and E. J. Rosecrans, No. 46, G.R.Ia.; W. N. Couch, No. 48, G.R.Ill.; R. C. Diehl, No. 25, G.R.Col.;

ANCASTER U. D., ANCASTER, ONT.—Chas. Duff, Geo. Butler, E. W. Wright, A. W. Richardson, G. B. Smith, Geo. D. Farmer, J. G. Duns, John Robb, John Malloy, W. G. Reid, all of St. John's Chapter, No. 6, G.R.C.

OKANAGAN U. D., VERNON, B.C.—Elvin Dixon, No. 6, G.R.C.; Jno. P. Burnyeat, Geo. L. Estabrooks, D. W. Sutherland, S. C. Smith, and F. H. Baines, No. 128, G.R.C.; E. R. Bailey and Ben F. Boyce, No. 98, G.R.C.; F. R. E. de Hart, No. 35, G.R.C.; Sam Bartholomew and F. Pyman, No. 106, G.R.C.; A. Bridgman, No. 54, G.R.C.; J. G. Edwards, No. 86, G.R.C.; A. Stansfield, No. 30, G.R.Ill.; C. J. Becker, G.R.Ill.

AVONDALE, U. D., HARTNEY, MAN.—Jas. A. Gray, No. 66, G.R.C.; Jno. Hunter, No. 99, G.R.C.; Chas. D. Batty, J. C. W. Reid, Richard Shore, J. A. Scott, Jas. Innes, Frank Hill, James Duthie, William Hopkins, Charles Redpath, W. B. Muir, G. A. Coulter, Wm. McDonald, J. U. Johnson, No. 101, G.R.C.

According to instructions, I issued to each First Principal a circular containing extracts from the several reports presented to Grand Chapter at last Annual Convocation, to be read at the first convocation of the Chapter.

As these were intended for the guidance of the presiding officer and the Scribe E., in the matter of accelerating work at the close of the year, the hope was entertained that an improvement would be effected. The reform, however, is still in the future. In the matter of by-laws, I am glad to say, the circular had a decided effect, and much was accomplished in that needed regard.

The following Chapters submitted a full code of revised by-laws for approval :

King Edward.....	No. 136.....	Neepawa, Man.
Glengarry.....	" 143.....	Maxville, Ont.
Signet.....	" 34.....	Barrie, Ont.
St. John's.....	" 148.....	Vankleek Hill, Ont.
Ionic.....	" 83.....	Orangeville, Ont.
Presqu Isle.....	" 144.....	Brighton, Ont.
Enterprise.....	" 67.....	Harriston, Ont.
Mount Sinai.....	" 44.....	Napanee, Ont.
The St. Patrick.....	" 145.....	Toronto, Ont.
Atwood.....	" 149.....	Rainy River, Ont.
Cyrus.....	" 142.....	Cumberland, B.C.
Keystone.....	" 141.....	Brandon, Man.
London.....	" 150.....	London, Ont.
King Cyrus.....	" 119.....	Leamington, Ont.
Georgian.....	" 56.....	Owen Sound, Ont.
Elliot.....	" 129.....	Mitchell, Ont.

Amendments to existing by-laws were submitted by the following Chapters and approved :

Maple.....	No. 116.....	Carleton Place, Ont.
St. Francis.....	" 133.....	Smith's Falls, Ont.
The Hiram.....	" 2.....	Hamilton, Ont.
Pentalpha.....	" 28.....	Oshawa, Ont.
St. John's.....	" 6.....	Hamilton, Ont.
Covenant.....	" 113.....	Cornwall, Ont.
Bonnechere.....	" 114.....	Renfrew, Ont.
Fort William.....	" 140.....	Fort William, Ont.
Algonquin.....	" 102.....	Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
Wellington.....	" 47.....	Chatham, Ont.
Rocky Mountain.....	" 125.....	Cranbrook, B.C.
Manitou.....	" 27.....	Collingwood, Ont.
Alberta.....	" 106.....	Calgary, Alta.
Occident.....	" 77.....	Toronto, Ont.
Ezra.....	" 23.....	Simcoe, Ont.
Berlin.....	" 117.....	Berlin, Ont.
Prince Rupert.....	" 52.....	Winnipeg, Man.

Pursuant to direction of Grand Chapter I procured as soon as possible after the Annual Convocation samples of R. A. ribbon of the authorized colors and had them mounted on cardboard with printed directions, and forwarded them to each Chapter, to be retained for the guidance of its members when purchasing regalia.

I also reported to the Grand Superintendents, as instructed, the Chapters in their districts which were behind with their reports and remittances. These in many cases amended their ways this year, but some of the usually prompt have fallen back.

Some of the Chapters have made numerous accessions during the year. The St. Patrick, No. 145, of Toronto, again leading with 101 admissions. The next in order with twenty or over are : Occident, Toronto, 51; Klondike, Dawson, 49; St. John's, London, 29; The Hiram, Hamilton, 27; Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls, 26; Prince Rupert, Winnipeg, and King Edward, Neepawa, 25 each; MacNabb, Dresden, 24; St. George's, London, 23; St. John's, Hamilton, and Mount Horeb, Brantford, 22 each; Waterloo, Galt; Algonquin, Sault Ste. Marie; Wascana, Regina; and Rocky Mountain, Cranbrook, 21 each; Sombra, Sombra, and Wawanosh, Sarnia, 20 each.

Of other Chapters which displayed activity may be favorably mentioned those at Vancouver, Calgary, Trenton, Oshawa, Barrie, Chatham, Windsor, Belleville, Port Arthur, Strathroy, Grimsby, Kenora, Lindsay, Eglinton, Parkhill, Wingham, Revelstoke, Uxbridge, the Toronto Chapters, and the new Chapter in London.

From the figures presented it is gathered that Grand Chapter continues to float on the high wave of success. Our receipts are greater and our expenditures less than last year. Our ranks have had numerous accessions, but conditions natural enough when one considers our country and its demands from all quarters for the aid of brawn and brains, necessitates many reductions by withdrawal and suspension, while death has laid his inevitable claim upon not a few. Taking it altogether, we have much reason for congratulation. We have made a net gain this year of 971, and our total membership is 11,056.

The following is a statement of the receipts :

CASH STATEMENT—GRAND SCRIBE E.

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From Chapters.—Certificates.....	\$1,275.00	
Membership Dues.....	2,798.45	
Registration Fees.....	1,323.50	
Dispensations.....	189.00	
Warrants.....	30.00	
Constitutions.....	131.10	
Sundries, Ceremonies, etc.	143.30	
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		\$5,890.35
Interest.—Industrial School Bonds.....	\$680.00	
Toronto General Trusts.....	80.00	
Town of Orillia Debenture.....	99.15	
City of Stratford Debentures....	100.84	
Bank of Commerce.....	61.53	
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		\$1,021.52
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		\$6,911.87

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1906.—Mar.	3.—	Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 500.00
"	10.—	" " " " " " " " " " " "	49.55
"	30.—	" " " " " " " " " " " "	34.88
June	1.—	" " " " " " " " " " " "	400.00
"	2.—	" " " " " " " " " " " "	340.00
July	9.—	" " " " " " " " " " " "	400.00
"	10.—	" " " " " " " " " " " "	40.00
Sept.	27.—	" " " " " " " " " " " "	300.00
Oct.	6.—	" " " " " " " " " " " "	49.60
Nov.	29.—	" " " " " " " " " " " "	340.00
"	29.—	" " " " " " " " " " " "	26.65
"	21.—	" " " " " " " " " " " "	500.00
"	31.—	" " " " " " " " " " " "	1,500.00
1907.—Jan.	3.—	" " " " " " " " " " " "	40.00
"	11.—	" " " " " " " " " " " "	1,500.00
"	16.—	" " " " " " " " " " " "	790.35
"	16.—	" " " " " " " " " " " "	60.84
"	16.—	" " " " " " " " " " " "	40.00
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		Total.....	\$6,911.87

ANNUAL STATEMENT, 3RD DECEMBER, 1906.

FEES AND DUES FROM CHAPTERS.

1 Ant. Frontenac		62 York.....	49.15
& Cataraqui... \$	28.50	64 Willson.....	23.50
2 The Hiram.....	108.00	65 St. Paul's.....	60.65
3 St. John's.....	128.00	66 The Malloch....	30.50
4 St. Andrew's &		67 Enterprise.....	38.75
St. John's.....	62.50	68 Maitland.....	15.25
5 St. George's.....	122.80	69 Grimsby.....	44.70
6 St. John's.....	115.15	70 Grand River....	37.00
7 The Moira.....	76.00	71 Prince of Wales..	45.75
8 King Solomon's..	111.75	72 Keystone.....	24.50
15 Wawanosh.....	93.75	73 Erie.....	23.75
16 Carleton.....	48.25	74 Beaver.....	31.50
18 Oxford.....	26.45	75 St. Clair.....	16.75
19 Mount Moriah...	43.50	76 Mount Nebo....	105.50
20 Mount Horeb....	80.00	77 Occident.....	177.00
22 Grenville.....	25.50	78 Minnewawa....	43.00
23 Ezra.....	44.25	79 Orient.....	72.00
24 Tecumseh.....	55.50	80 Ark.....	71.25
26 St. Mark's.....	53.75	81 Aylmer.....	28.25
27 Manitou.....	28.25	82 Shuniah.....	53.15
28 Pentalpha.....	73.50	83 Ionic.....	21.25
29 McCallum.....	23.75	84 Lebanon.....	31.25
30 Huron.....	27.00	86 Macpherson....	27.40
31 Prince Edward...	58.00	88 MacNabb.....	40.25
32 Waterloo.....	74.75	90 Golden.....	22.75
34 Signet.....	108.25	91 Antiquity.....	50.75
35 Keystone.....	25.75	94 Midland.....	59.85
36 Corinthian.....	50.50	95 Tuscan.....	22.25
37 Victoria.....	42.70	98 Vancouver.....	91.00
40 Guelph.....	35.40	100 St. Lawrence...	33.50
41 Harris.....	1.00	101 Corinthian.....	29.75
44 Mount Sinai....	18.00	102 Algonquin.....	86.40
45 Excelsior	25.75	103 St. John's.....	73.25
46 St. James'.....	21.00	104 White Oak.....	16.00
47 Wellington.....	54.25	106 Alberta.....	66.65
48 St. John's.....	15.50	110 Warkworth.....	3.00
50 Saugeen.....	14.25	112 St. John's.....	22.00
52 Prince Rupert...	121.00	113 Covenant.....	4.00
53 Bruce.....	45.40	114 Bonnechere....	23.75
54 Palestine.....	63.75	115 Brant.....	17.75
55 Niagara.....	15.75	116 Maple.....	29.75
56 Georgian.....	101.75	117 Berlin.....	29.25
57 King Hiram.....	15.00	118 North Star.....	23.25
58 Pembroke.....	9.90	119 King Cyrus.....	24.25
59 Sussex.....	44.65	120 Kootenay.....	15.75
60 Doric.....	30.25	121 Wascana.....	14.00
61 Granite.....	21.25	122 Rossland.....	49.25

123 Nelson.....	48.50	143 Glengarry.....	24.00
124 Westminster....	23.25	144 Presqu' Isle....	60.75
125 Rocky Mountain	73.15	145 The St. Patrick..	307.75
127 Keystone.....	18.50	146 Bernard.....	25.00
128 Revelstoke.....	70.05	147 Lucknow.....	25.75
129 Elliot.....	11.25	148 St. John's.....	34.50
130 Chantry.....	14.00	149 Atwood.....	26.90
131 Amabel.....	17.00	150 London.....	26.50
132 Leeds.....	36.75	U.D. Laurentian....	29.00
133 St. Francis.....	29.40	U.D. Alberton.....	26.40
134 King Darius....	13.00	U.D. Sombra.....	69.80
135 Succoth.....	51.25	U.D. Klondike.....	140.00
136 King Edward....	102.75	U.D. Ancaster.....	25.00
137 Crow's Nest....	25.25	U.D. Vernon.....	25.00
138 Shekinah.....	48.00	U.D. Atlin.....	25.00
139 St. Andrew's....	17.00	U.D. Avondale.....	25.00
140 Fort William....	56.00		
142 Cyrus.....	28.75		
			<u>\$5,890.35</u>

Interest—Industrial School Bonds.....	\$680.00
“ Toronto General Trusts.....	80.00
“ Town of Orillia Bonds.....	99.15
“ City of Stratford “.....	100.84
“ Bank of Commerce.....	61.53
	<u>\$1,021 52</u>
Total.....	<u>\$6,911 87</u>

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. J. BENNETT,

Grand Scribe E.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

HUGH MURRAY, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA.

1906.	DR.	
Jan. 24	To Balance as per Statement this date.....	\$4,552.78
Mar. 10	Grand Scribe E.....	500.00
Mar. 10	Interest, Orillia Debentures.....	49.55
Mar. 30	Interest, Canadian Bank of Commerce...	34.88
June 2	Interest, Toronto Industr'l School Bonds	340.00
June 4	Grand Scribe E.....	400.00
July 10	Grand Scribe E.....	400.00
July 10	Interest, Toronto General Trust Bonds..	40.00
Sept. 28	Grand Scribe E.....	300.00
Oct. 6	Interest, Orillia Debentures.....	49.60
Nov. 29	Interest, Canadian Bank of Commerce...	26.65
Dec. 18	Grand Scribe E.....	500.00
Dec. 19	Interest, Toronto Industr'l School Bonds	340.00

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Jan.	3	Interest, Toronto General Trusts Bond..	40.00
Jan.	3	Grand Scribe E.	1,500.00
Jan.	12	Grand Scribe E.	1,500.00
Jan.	16	Grand Scribe E.	790.35
Jan.	16	Interest, City of Stratford Debenture ...	60.84
Jan.	16	Interest, City of Stratford Debenture ...	40.00

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Jan.	By Order	1453,	D. Henderson, Engros'g Warrants	\$ 4.00
"	"	1458,	The Grand Z., Trav. Expenses....	135.16
Feb.	"	1460,	Comp. Edward Law . Benevolence	20.00
"	"	1461,	Mrs. John Munro....	10.00
"	"	1462,	Comp. Edward Ball..	20.00
"	"	1463,	Mrs. John E. Malone.	20.00
"	"	1464,	Mrs. Alex. Findlay...	20.00
"	"	1466,	Mrs. John Kennedy...	20.00
"	"	1467,	Mrs. Edment Hill....	10.00
"	"	1468,	Mrs. John Holman...	10.00
"	"	1469,	Comp. Chas. W. Smith	25.00
"	"	1470,	Comp. Arch. Cooper .	20.00
"	"	1471,	Mrs. C. E. S. Black...	10.00
"	"	1472,	Comp. Fred. Mudge..	20.00
"	"	1473,	Mrs. W. B. Wallace..	10.00
"	"	1474,	Mrs. J. S. Baker.....	20.00
"	"	1475,	Mrs. Hugh Rankin...	20.00
"	"	1476,	Mrs. Jas. O'Conner....	25.00
"	"	1477,	Mrs. Wm. Marriott....	15.00
"	"	1478,	Mrs. Peter Grant....	10.00
"	"	1479,	Daughter W.B. Simpson	10.00
"	"	1480,	Mrs. H. J. Southby....	10.00
"	"	1481,	Mrs. F. P. Gassion...	15.00
"	"	1482,	The Bell Telephone Co.....	26.75
"	"	1483,	Foreign Correspondence Report....	100.00
"	"	1484,	Grand Scribe E., incidentals.....	300.00
"	"	1485,	Grand Scribe E., bal. incidentals	71.20
"	"	1486,	The Atwell Fleming Printing Co..	251.15
"	"	1487,	A. Kent & Co., goods	26.55
"	"	1488,	James Pritchard, Janitor.....	5.00
"	"	1489,	D. Henderson, Engros'g Warrants	12.00
"	"	1490,	The Atwell Fleming Printing Co..	47.25
Mar.	"	1491,	The Atwell Fleming Printing Co..	472.28
April	"	1492,	Grand Scribe E., salary.....	375.00
"	"	1493,	Grand Treasurer, salary	25.00
"	"	1494,	The Rolph Clark Co., certificates..	310.80
June	"	1495,	Grand Scribe E., 6 mos. rent...	99.00
July	"	1496,	City of Stratford debenture	1,020.00
"	"	1497,	Grand Scribe E., salary	375.00
"	"	1498,	Grand Treasurer, salary	25.00

July	By Order	1499,	Expenses London Commission....	10.30
"	"	1500,	The Atwell Fleming Printing Co...	49.25
Aug.	"	1501,	Comp. Ed. Law..... Benevolence	20.00
"	"	1503,	Comp. Ed. Ball.....	20.00
"	"	1504,	Mrs. J. E. Malone....	20.00
"	"	1505,	Mrs. Alex. Findlay...	20.00
"	"	1506,	Mrs. John Kennedy...	20.00
"	"	1507,	Mrs. Edment Hill....	10.00
"	"	1508,	Mrs. J. Holman.....	10.00
"	"	1509,	Comp. Chas. W. Smith	25.00
"	"	1510,	Comp. Arch. Cooper	20.00
"	"	1511,	Mrs. C. E. S. Black...	10.00
"	"	1512,	Comp. Fred. Mudge..	20.00
"	"	1513,	Mrs. W. B. Wallace..	10.00
"	"	1514,	Mrs. J. S. Baker.....	20.00
"	"	1515,	Mrs. Hugh Rankin...	20.00
"	"	1516,	Mrs. James O'Conner	25.00
"	"	1517,	Mrs. Wm. Marriott ...	15.00
"	"	1518,	Mrs. Peter Grant	10.00
"	"	1519,	Daugh. W. B. Simpson	10.00
"	"	1520,	Mrs. H. J. Southby...	10.00
"	"	1521,	Mrs. F. P. Gassion...	15.00
"	"	1522,	Office furniture	8.85
"	"	1523,	Grand Scribe E., ribbon samples..	8.00
"	"	1524,	American Sec. Co., prem. on bonds	15.00
"	"	1525,	The Bell Telephone Co.....	26.75
Sept.	"	1526,	The Rolph Clark Co., certificates..	210.00
"	"	1527,	The Atwell Fleming Printing Co..	117.37
"	"	1528,	Darch & Hunter, wreath.....	10.00
"	"	1529,	Grand Scribe E., salary	375.00
"	"	1530,	Grand Treasurer, salary	25.00
Dec.	"	1531,	Thomson Engraving Co.....	15.00
"	"	1532,	The Atwell Fleming Printing Co...	36.00
"	"	1533,	Grand Scribe E., rent	99.00
"	"	1536,	Grand Scribe E., salary	375.00
"	"	1537,	Grand Treasurer, salary	25.00
"	"	1534,	Malcolm Gibbs, insurance	5.10
"	"	1535,	Grand Z's. expenses to date	21.85
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				\$5,783.61

STATEMENT OF ASSETS OF
GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF CANADA.

Bonds, Toronto General Trusts Company, at 4 per cent	\$2,000.00
Bonds, Toronto Industrial School, No. 1-34, at 4 per cent.....	17,000.00
Debentures, Town of Orillia, No. 10, at 4 per cent....	1,218.13
Debentures, Town of Orillia, No. 11, at 4 per cent....	1,266.86
Debentures, City of Stratford, Nos. 70-1, at 4 per cent	1,521.00

Debentures, City of Stratford, No. 69, at 4 per cent.	1,000.00
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce.	5,681.04
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	\$29,687.03

Hamilton Branch Canadian Bank of Commerce.

21st January, 1907.

We hereby certify that the above named bonds and debentures are in the custody of the Bank for safe-keeping on account of Hugh Murray, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, and that the balance at the credit of the said Hugh Murray, as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, in the books of the bank, at the close of business at this date is five thousand, six hundred and eighty-one dollars and four cents.

D. B. DEWAR, *Manager.*

J. A. C. KEMP, *Accountant.*

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH MURRAY,

Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. John Leslie, seconded by R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, and

Resolved,—That the statements of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer, for the year 1906, be received and referred to the Executive Committee, for audit and to report thereon at the present Convocation.

BENEVOLENCE.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z. and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

The Committee on Benevolence have examined the applications for relief presented to them and respectfully recommend that the following grants be made ;

No.	1.	Comp. Edward Law.	\$40.00
"	1.	Comp. Edward Ball.	50.00
"	1.	Widow of John Munroe.	20.00
"	3.	Widow of John E. Malone.	40.00
"	3.	Widow of Alex. Findlay.	40.00
"	3.	Widow of J. W. Waugh.	20.00
"	6.	Widow of John F. Holman.	20.00
"	6.	Widow of John Kennedy.	40.00

No. 6.	Widow of Edment Hill.....	20.00
" 28.	Comp. Chas. W. Smith.....	50.00
" 29.	Comp. A. Cooper.....	40.00
" 29.	Widow of C. E. S. Black.....	20.00
" 35.	Comp. F. Mudge.....	50.00
" 37.	Widow of W. B. Wallace.....	20.00
" 37.	Widow of J. S. Baker.....	40.00
" 44.	Widow of H. Rankin.....	40.00
" 52.	Widow of Jas. O'Conner.....	50.00
" 54.	Widow of Wm. Marriott.....	30.00
" 54.	Widow of Peter Grant.....	20.00
" 59.	Daughter of W. B. Simpson.....	20.00
" 62.	Widow of Harry J. Southby.....	20.00
" 77.	Widow of F. P. Gassion.....	30.00
" 81.	Widow of Wm. E. Johnson.....	20.00

\$740.00

JOHN E. HARDING,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. Leslie, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

WARRANTS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

Your Committee on Warrants beg to report that applications, properly endorsed, were received from Sombra Chapter, Sombra, Ont., who have added 20 members since being instituted. They have complete paraphernalia, books, &c., and the prospects are bright.

Laurentian Chapter, Pembroke, Ont., has added ten members since dispensation, excellent work, good Chapter room and paraphernalia, etc.

Klondike Chapter, Dawson City, Yukon, properly officered, petition signed by eighteen certified R. A. Masons, and prospects exceedingly bright. They have added forty-nine since being instituted.

Alberton Chapter, Fort Frances, Ont., The Companions at this place have now recovered from their loss by fire and are in a good position to work in a satisfactory manner with good prospects for the future.

Okanagan Chapter, Vernon, B.C., started with 26 members and have added 15 at one convocation. Their prospects are particularly bright.

Ancaster Chapter, Ancaster, Ont., This Chapter has not reported but the Companions are desirous of having the dispensation continued.

Avondale Chapter, Hartney, Manitoba, has not yet been instituted.

Keystone Chapter, No. 99, Portage la Prairie, applies for restoration of the charter which they returned in 1896. They have three Past First Principals and 17 Companions, with 12 applications for degrees to start with. Should their warrant be restored their prospects are good.

Your Committee therefore recommend that warrants be issued to the following Chapters :

Sombra Chapter, Sombra, Ont. ; Laurentian Chapter, Pembroke, Ont. ; Klondike Chapter, Dawson City, Y.T. ; Alberton Chapter, Fort Frances, Ont. ; Okanagan Chapter, Vernon, B.C. And that the dispensations issued to Companions at Ancaster, Ont., and Hartney, Man., be continued.

¶ We also recommend the restoration of warrant to Keystone Chapter, No. 99, Portage la Prairie.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. MOORE.

Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Leslie, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and the Grand Chapter of Canada :

Your Committee on Audit and Finance desires to report as follows:—That they have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer and find that they agree with the bank's certified statement to 21st January, 1907.

Following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements for the past year :—

RECEIPTS.

To Balance on hand, Dec. 31st, 1905.....	\$4,552.78	
“ Certificates.....	1,275.00	
“ Membership Dues.....	2,798.45	
“ Registration Fees.....	1,323.50	
“ Dispensations.....	189.00	
“ Warrants.....	30.00	
“ Constitutions.....	131.10	
“ Sundries.....	143.30	
Interest Industrial School Bonds.....	680.00	
“ Toronto General Trusts Bonds...	80.00	
“ Town of Orillia Bonds.....	99.15	
“ City of Stratford Bonds.....	100.84	
“ Bank of Commerce account.....	61.53	
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Investment City of Stratford Debentures...	\$1,020.00
Salary Grand Scribe E.	1,500.00
Salary Grand Treasurer.....	100.00
Orders on Benevolence.....	670.00
Atwell Fleming Printing Co., printing, etc..	973.30
Rolph Clark Co., certificates	520.80
Foreign Correspondence Committee.....	100.00
Grand Scribe E., incidentals	371.20
Rent, Temple Building.....	198.00
Expenses, Grand Z.....	157.01
Bell Telephone Co.....	53.50
Kent & Co., goods	26.55
Thomson Engraving Co.....	15.00
D. Henderson, engrossing warrants.....	16.00
Floral wreath.....	10.00
Expenses London Commission.....	10.30

Adams & Co., book case.....	8.85	
Ribbon samples and printing.....	8.00	
Guarantee Co., bonds.....	15.00	
Insurance, office effects.....	5.10	
Grand Janitor.....	5.00	
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Total Disbursements.....		\$5,783.61
Balance in Bank of Commerce....		5,681.04
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		\$11,464.65

ASSETS.

Bonds, Toronto General Trusts, 4 per cent .	\$2,000.00	
Bonds, Toronto Industrial School, 4% . . .	17,000.00	
Debentures, Town of Orillia, No. 10, 4% . .	1,218.13	
Debentures, Town of Orillia, No. 11, 4% . .	1,266.86	
Debentures, City of Stratford, 4%	1,521.00	
Debentures, City of Stratford, 4%	1,000.00	
Balance, Bank of Commerce	5,681.04	
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		\$29,687.03

Your Committee beg to recommend the following appropriations :—

Benevolence Grants.....	\$ 740.00	
Foreign Correspondence Committee.....	200.00	
Incidentals, advance.....	350.00	
Balance of Incidentals	82.50	
Inspector of Benevolence.....	100.00	
Grand Janitor	10.00	
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		\$1,432.50

Your Committee in recommending the item of \$200 to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence took into consideration the excellence of the work and the arduous labor it entails in its preparation every year, and they had no hesitation in coming to the conclusion that the remuneration should be increased.

As to the item of \$100, to the Inspector of Benevolence, your Committee had in mind that the R. E. Companion to whom is referred, has for over ten years investigated, with thoroughness, the many cases which have come before the Committee of Benevolence without remuneration and they feel fully justified in recommending same.

The Janitor's fee was determined at \$5 in the early days when Grand Chapter did not have the attendance

that it has to-day, consequently the duties of Janitor are becoming more onerous and your Committee recommend that the Janitor's fee be increased from \$5 to \$10 for each Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Your Committee are pleased to notice in the Grand Treasurer's statement that the sum of \$1,000 has been invested in debentures of the city of Stratford, bearing interest at 4% per annum. In view of the cash balance in the bank as per the Grand Treasurer's statement and the general bright outlook for the coming year they would recommend that such sum as may not interfere with the necessary demands of Grand Chapter be invested in such interest bearing securities as may seem advisable to the Grand Council and Grand Treasurer.

Your Committee take pleasure in congratulating Grand Chapter upon the neatness and accuracy of the books of the Grand Scribe E., and Grand Treasurer, and in Grand Chapter possessing two such efficient officers.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY T. SMITH,

Chairman of Committee.

Moved by R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Leslie, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals, Officers and Members of Grand Chapter :

Your Committee has had submitted for its perusal and consideration the reports of the eighteen Grand Superintendents, who have represented the Grand First Principal in the eighteen districts into which for convenience of supervision and direction this Grand jurisdiction has been divided.

There are reported to be eleven Chapters which did not receive a visit of a Grand Superintendent during the year. Of these, eight were in the Province of Ontario, two in the Province of Manitoba and one in British Columbia. The large number unvisited in Ontario would call for serious enquiry if no explanation were forthcoming. The explanation is found in the report of the Grand Superintendent of No. 10 district, Ontario, who states that owing to illness, etc., he was unable to visit seven of the eleven Chapters in his district. The Chapters in No. 10 district need not be enumerated, but your Committee is of opinion that the Grand Scribe E. should call the attention of the incoming Grand Superintendent of No. 10 district to the numbers and names of the Chapters uninspected, with a view to their being visited next year. The other Chapters unvisited are No. 1, Ancient Frontenac, Kingston; No. 101, Corinthian, Boissevain, No. 141, Keystone, Brandon, and Revelstoke, No. 128, Revelstoke. The circumstances which led to these Chapters not being inspected are, in the opinion of your Committee, sufficient to absolve the Grand Superintendents from blame.

The Grand Superintendents are to be congratulated upon the excellent work they have done in their different districts and upon the general closeness of their supervision, because owing to the enormous area of some of the districts a great deal of time is consumed and serious expense and labor entailed in visiting the Chapters, many of which are long distances apart. The Grand Superintendents, where health has permitted, have spared neither time nor trouble to carry out the obligations of their office, and Grand Chapter cannot feel otherwise than grateful to them.

Your Committee is of opinion, with respect to cases of illness of Grand Superintendents, that where they are likely to be incapacitated for any length of time they should report the fact to the Grand Scribe E. for the information of the Grand First Principal, so that he might, if he thought it necessary, appoint a *locum tenens* for the sick officer. The same remark applies

in the case of officers who are going abroad for any length of time. It is further suggested that where, owing to circumstances beyond his control, the Grand Superintendent cannot keep an engagement, he ought to delegate to some expert Grand Chapter officer, near or in the Chapter, the duty of representing him, so that he might be informed of the work, progress and standing of the Chapter. While this is so, it is not intended to encourage any wholesale delegation of a Grand Superintendent's work. It is only in special emergencies that this course might be pursued.

The numerical growth of the Chapters, while something less than last year, is on the whole satisfactory, and as care has been exercised in the selection of material in most Chapters, it may be assumed that the 1277 Master Masons who have been admitted to the Royal Craft will add to its character and prestige.

Grand Chapter has on its roll at the present time 128 Chapters, 123 warranted, and 5 under dispensation, with a total membership of 11,056.

It is satisfactory to state that only two Chapters are reported to be weak and not meeting regularly.

The net gains for the last five years are as follows:—

1902.....	363
1903.....	477
1904.....	738
1905.....	1,315
1906.....	971

The details of the increase of this year are as follows

Initiations.....	1,277
Affiliations.....	166
Restorations.....	29
Total Gains.....	1,472
Resignations.....	230
S. N. P. D.....	136
Deaths.....	135
Total Loss.....	501
Net Gain in Membership....	971

Your Committee once more expresses the opinion that every Master Mason should be a Royal Arch Companion, if he desires to round out in an intelligent manner the teaching and goal of his Masonic career, and consequently there ought to be an effort made by Royal Arch Companions to bring into the Royal Craft those who having been exemplary in Masonic life are calculated to enhance our reputation and add to our strength.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents are equally satisfactory in other particulars. The work is pronounced to be accurate, intelligent and uniform in every district. The fact that such a good state of affairs exists evidences the presence of greater zeal and more intelligence than prevailed some years ago. Harmony is said to exist everywhere, and few questions have arisen to vex the soul of any Grand Superintendent or to disturb the placid serenity of mind required in a Grand First Principal.

The financial position of the Chapters is favorably referred to by the Grand Superintendents, and the books are reported to be well kept and properly audited.

The secretarial work has been splendidly performed this year. Every Grand Superintendent has words of encomium for the Scribes E. The neglects reported last year, viz., in forwarding returns, and in some instances in answering correspondence, have disappeared, and your Committee are warranted in reporting that the secretarial work has been promptly, courteously and intelligently performed. This is as it ought to be, because the Scribes are the business men of the Chapters and upon their zeal and fidelity depend in a large measure the growth and prosperity thereof.

The large amount of arrears of dues outstanding calls for some notice, as it is wholly out of proportion to what it should be in our Chapters. The dues charged are so small that no one has any excuse for not paying them. It is feared there is much laxity in respect to disciplining those who simply neglect a duty that they have promised and are bound by the by-laws to perform.

It is a reflection on the Royal Craft that such an enormous sum in the aggregate is outstanding. Your Committee has refrained from quoting the figures in this report, which goes abroad over the Masonic world. Your Committee strongly presses upon the incoming Grand Superintendents the duty of entering upon this matter with each Chapter where carelessness exists. Your Committee, as an example, has come across the report of one Chapter in a large city, which has a membership of 261 and is reported to be progressive and prosperous, and yet has nearly \$825 of dues outstanding. As against this a considerable number of Chapters report dues all paid up which shows what may be done where the Scribes are active and the Companions are alive to their duty to their Craft and their Chapter. The plain duty in the premises is to summon all those in arrears. If they show inability to pay, then relieve them by remitting their indebtedness. If they are able to pay and will not do so, then retire them from their membership, thus removing a reflection from our business management and getting rid of members who are financial parasites on their Chapters and Companions.

The Grand First Principal called attention some time ago to the necessity of presenting to each initiate a copy of the Constitution and of the by-laws of the Chapter to which he was admitted, an important duty which was more honored in the breach than in the observance. Your Committee have great pleasure in reporting to Grand Chapter that the Grand Superintendents have given close attention to this matter, and from their reports it is gathered that the Chapters where the neglect now exists might be counted on the fingers of one hand. This is an evidence of what can be done where the Grand Superintendents show determination and vigor.

Your Committee is pleased to be able to report that the Chapters continue to distribute benevolence to those in need, thus taking their share of the care of the indigent, afflicted and distressed instead of throwing

all the responsibility on the blue lodges. The amount expended this year is considerably in excess of that expended last year. The total benevolence of the Grand Chapter amounts to \$600 and of the subordinate Chapters to \$1,631, or in all, \$2,231, which is a satisfactory showing.

Your Committee once more finds cause for regret in the neglect of Grand Superintendents to hold Chapters of Instruction. In only one instance is the holding of a Chapter of Instruction reported. This ought not to be passed over lightly, and your Committee is of opinion that a circular should be issued by the Grand Scribe E. impressing the wish of Grand Chapter upon the Grand Superintendents, and directing them to hold Chapters of Instruction, and if they are unable to do so to give reasons therefor.

In only one district has the Grand Superintendent any complaint to make. While there is good reason for what he says, your Committee expresses the hope that next year even this small cloud will have disappeared.

Your Committee take the opportunity of saying that by-laws, like constitutions, are made to be observed and must be obeyed. If every Chapter is to be at liberty to ignore its by-laws when it finds it convenient to do so, chaos would soon arrive. What is obligatory upon the Royal Craft as a whole is binding on each Chapter and Companion. The ruling of Grand Superintendents must be obeyed to the letter, and every information called for by him must be promptly furnished. The best Chapter is the Chapter that conforms in every particular to what is legal, what is just, and above all what is honorable.

Your Committee is depressed by the enforced absence through ill health of the Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion William Roaf, whose long service and delightful courtesy to all has given him the first place in our hearts as well as in our government. Your Committee desires to bear testimony to the zeal and dis-

cretion with which he has ruled the Royal Craft and trusts that he may return, restored to health, to advise and assist this Grand Chapter for many years to come.

In conclusion, your Committee takes occasion to congratulate Grand Chapter on the prosperity which by the blessing of the Great Jehovah, it, in common with other institutions, is enjoying in this favored land of boundless possibilities; an educated, God-fearing people, observing the law and imbued with the spirit of justice; possessing immense fertile areas, illimitable forests, and mineral wealth in such richness that for comparison we are driven to the days of fable; an invigorating climate, enabling us to produce every necessary of life in great variety and infinite profusion; the hearts of its sons buoyant with hope, their eyes turned to the future with confident expectancy. Is it any wonder we are beginning to feel the blood of national life moving in our veins, and to realize that we are destined to be one of the great nations of the earth?

Fraternally submitted,

AUBREY WHITE,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Aubrey White, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Leslie, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE REQUEST OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA FOR RECOGNITION.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter :*

COMPANIONS,—With reference to the application received in the early part of the year from the recently formed Grand Chapter of Western Australia, your Committee desires to state that in the beginning of 1904 there were eight R. A. Chapters in that section of the

Commonwealth, seven of them on the Scottish registry and one holding under England. In June of that year delegates from five of the Scotch Chapters and the English Chapter met in convention in the city of Perth and organized what is now known there as the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia, with M. E. Companion Michael Samson as Grand First Principal and Companion E. Caspar, the former Grand Superintendent, under the Scottish Constitution who had surrendered his commission, as Deputy Grand Z. This decision was promulgated throughout the Capitular world in due course but to Scotland and England respectively the appeal for sanction and recognition was forwarded immediately.

In the meantime convocations were held at Perth August, 1904, and March, 1905, at which a constitution and a ritual were adopted and other preliminaries effected in an apparently regular and orderly manner.

It was stated that the Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of England had previously written that, if any two Chapters would unite with the one English Chapter then existing and form a new Grand Chapter, it would receive recognition from that Grand body, but when the appeal came before the Grand Chapter of England it voted to await the decision of Scotland. The Grand Chapter of Scotland, however, at its convocation in December, 1904, refused flatly to countenance the new venture and encouraged the "loyal" Chapters by acceding to the request for a third and appointed a new Grand Superintendent.

At its convocation in December, 1905, Scotland again refused its consent in terms of the resolution adopted the year previously.

Your Committee, while conceding the right of the seceding Chapters to act as they did and admitting their procedure to be in harmony with precedent and custom, is of the opinion that all the facts may not have been revealed through the available correspondence

and would recommend that action be deferred pending a fuller knowledge of the circumstances or until the Grand Chapters of Scotland and England accede to what appears to be a just demand or furnish reasons for withholding recognition.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. J. BENNETT,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Leslie, and

Resolved,—That the Supplementary report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, Chairman, reported that the members of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, as in previous years, were without occupation. He congratulated Grand Chapter upon the entire absence of anything that would tend to disturb the unbroken harmony existing throughout the jurisdiction.

GRAND Z's. ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and the Companions of the Grand Chapter :

The Executive Committee have the honor to present the following report on matters contained in the address of the M. E. the Grand First Principal :

They regret his absence from the Annual Convocation and lament that his illness was of so serious a nature as to make it imperative for his physician to order him to the western province of British Columbia, in search of that rest and cessation from mental labor, which he could not find here, but which were essential to his recovery. They sincerely hope and pray that our loving Father who is in Heaven, will restore him to health, so that he may be enabled to give many more years of useful service to the Royal Craft, and to hu-

monity. The Committee recommend that during the session a telegram be sent him, couched in the most loving terms, expressive of our regret for his absence, assuring him of the love and sympathy of his Companions in Grand Chapter, and informing him that their prayers will ascend to the Most High for his recovery.

The Committee rejoice in the prosperous condition in which Capitular Masonry is found to be, at the close of the first half of a century of work in this great jurisdiction, and recommend that the members of the Grand Council, together with the Past Grand Z's. and the Grand Scribe E. be a committee authorized to decide upon and carry into effect, a suitable celebration of our fiftieth anniversary.

The Committee are pleased to receive assurances that harmony prevails throughout the entire jurisdiction, that the Chapters are prosperous, and that the ritualistic work is uniform and well done, and they join with the Grand Z. in expressing thankfulness to the G. A. O. T. U. and in prayer to Him that in the future, as in the past, He will vouchsafe us prosperity and a larger measure of usefulness.

The Committee express their sympathy with the relatives and friends of the many distinguished Companions who have been summoned home since our last Convocation, and recommend that memorial pages be erected in Grand Chapter Proceedings to the memory of R. E. Companions John S. Dewar, William Walker, J. McLean Stevenson, John McLaren, Fred. Walter, Thomas Irwin, R. T. Walkem, James Adams and William Braden.

They also express the sympathy of Grand Chapter with the sister Grand Chapters who have suffered severe loss by the death of the Most Excellent and Right Excellent Companions named in the address.

The Committee strongly concur in the conclusion arrived at by the Grand Z. that prompt registration of newly exalted Companions, at intervals between the

annual reports, has been of great benefit, and strongly urge that those Chapters which have not yet adopted the new regulation will do so at once, and thus comply with the requirements of the Constitution, and at the same time reap the advantages which will accrue therefrom.

The Committee rejoice that loyalty to the officers of Grand Chapter has been so pronounced that in every part of the jurisdiction which it was the privilege of the Grand Z. to visit he was most heartily welcomed, and that in the case of a Chapter situated in the city of Victoria, and working under a charter from the Grand Chapter of Scotland, he was fraternally tendered a special reception as being the Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter.

The Committee agree with the remarks of the Grand Z. that in the case of Capitular Masonry it is not desirable to introduce the reunion idea, where the work that should properly be spread over a year, is crowded into an afternoon and evening, the balance of the year being robbed of the work which would otherwise have made the monthly meetings interesting and instructive.

The Committee are heartily in accord with the suggestion of the Grand Z. that some plan should be considered, which would secure the attendance at our Annual Convocations of those Companions formerly prominent in this branch of Masonry, who have been honored by sister Grand Chapters, by appointment near this Grand Chapter as Representatives and guarantors of amity, and recommend that the Grand Scribe E. issue a circular to such representatives informing them that in the opinion of Grand Chapter, the functions of Grand Representatives cannot be fully and satisfactorily performed, unless by attendance at our Annual Convocations, and recommend that in future, absence from three (3) successive Annual Convocations shall vacate the office, and the Grand Chapter affected shall be requested to issue a commission to some other Companion.

The Committee agree that it would not be in harmony with the custom, nor would it be desirable to erect a district in a territory, where there is only one Chapter and therefore cannot recommend that the prayer of Klondike Chapter at Dawson be granted.

The Committee note with pleasure that in the adoption of new codes of by-laws, and in the amendments made to existing codes, there is a decided tendency towards an increase in the fee for exaltation, and recommend the advisability of amending the Constitution, by substituting a minimum fee of twenty dollars, instead of ten dollars as at present.

This change in the Constitution could not be effected except by notice of motion to amend the statutes, and the members of this Committee have requested their Chairman to give the necessary notice of motion, to enable the proposed change to be discussed and voted upon at the next Annual Convocation.

The Committee heartily approve of the action of the Grand Z. in ordering that certain clauses in the by-laws of Chapters providing for the division of the fee for exaltation be expunged therefrom. The Grand Z. reports that in one case where the draft by-laws of a Chapter contained such a clause, he drew attention to the necessity for its removal but that he subsequently learned that the printed pamphlet presented to newly admitted candidates, contained the clause to which exception had been taken. Such contempt of authority should not be allowed to pass. The Committee therefore recommend that the Grand Scribe E. should notify such Chapter that the objectionable clause must be eliminated.

The Committee agree with the action of the Grand Z. in the matter of the presentation of petitions for exaltation and application, also with his expressed opinion that it is the duty of a Chapter to acknowledge the authority and obey the orders of the Grand Superintendent of the district, and to submit for the time being to his

rulings, having the knowledge that appeal to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal from such rulings is always in order.

The Committee is glad to receive assurance that the action of Grand Chapter in providing the Chapters with samples of ribbon showing the correct colors and prices for guidance, has resulted in securing harmony in the Royal Arch regalia.

The Committee, consisting of the members of the Grand Council, the Grand Lecturer, the Grand Scribe E., V. E. Companion D. A. Clark and M. E. Companion J. Ross Robertson, appointed to the last Annual Convocation, to report upon the advisability of making certain changes in the ceremony of the closing of a subordinate Chapter, having by unanimous desire, presented their report to this Committee for final disposition, this Committee approve of the recommendations made and will, during the session, exemplify the alteration, which is found to completely remove the objections offered to our present ceremony without in the slightest degree impairing its meaning or solemnity.

The Committee have considered the petition of Companion Henderson of Regina, that the rank of a Past Z. be conferred upon him for the reason alleged by him, that past rank was conferred upon Companions similarly situated. The Committee finds that the cases to which he refers are not similar to his, that Companion Henderson was never a member of Grand Chapter that he never held the rank of Past H. in this jurisdiction, that the title of Past H. was only accorded by courtesy, for his having held the office of H. in a Chapter in Scotland, before his removal to this country. The Committee find that there is not now remaining in the jurisdiction any Companion occupying the unique position which E. Comps. Gibbs, Mackay and Malone did before the rank of a Past Z. was conferred upon them. The Committee report against the granting of the prayer of the petition.

The Committee cannot close this report without again referring to our Most Excellent Companion, the Grand First Principal, who has even in his severe illness conducted the affairs of this Grand Chapter so successfully, and so faithfully discharged the duties of his onerous and responsible office, and they heartily accord to the district Superintendents and officers of Grand Chapter, and especially to that indefatigable officer, the Grand Scribe E., the thanks of Grand Chapter for the great assistance which the M. E. the Grand First Principal acknowledges he has received, especially during his illness.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH MURRAY,
Chairman.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. Hugh Murray, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on the address of the M. E. Grand Z. be received and adopted.

CHANGE IN CEREMONY.

As this stage of the proceedings the M. E. the acting Grand Z. called upon the Grand Lecturer to illustrate the amendment in the ceremony of closing the private Chapter, which had just been approved by the adoption of the report of the Committee on the Grand Z's. address. This was done and was followed by many expressions of satisfaction from the Companions present.

MESSAGE TO THE GRAND Z.

The Grand Scribe E. then announced that in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, unanimously approved by Grand Chapter, the following telegram had been despatched to the M. E. the Grand Z.:
WILLIAM ROAF, K.C.,

Vancouver, B.C.

Grand Chapter unanimously sends sympathetic greetings to its Grand Z., and prays that he may be speedily restored to health and to communion with the Companions who esteem him as a ruler and love him for himself.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Leslie, and

Resolved.—That M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson be continued a member of the Committee on Benevolence for the term of three years.

The following Companions comprise the Committee on Benevolence, and are members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for their respective terms :

R.E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Toronto,.....	retires in	1908
M.E. Comp. J. E. Harding, Lindsay.....	"	1909
M.E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, Toronto	"	1910

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. Hugh Murray, seconded by R. E. Comp. William Forbes, and

Resolved.—That the tenure of office of a Grand Representative near this Grand Chapter shall continue until his resignation, or until his official removal by the Grand High Priest or Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of which he is the Grand Representative.

It is further resolved that the absence of any Grand Representative from three successive Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall vacate such office, and that the Grand Scribe E. shall, upon such office being vacated, notify the Grand Chapter affected, and request that a commission should be issued appointing some other Companion recommended by the M.E. the Grand Z.

MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.

On motion of R. E. Comp. Jas. McLauchlan, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, and unanimously adopted, the Grand Scribe E. was directed to send a letter to R. E. Comp. Col. J. E. Halliwell, sympathizing with him in his recent painful accident and expressing the hope that he would soon be restored to his family and Companions completely recovered.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Toronto and Niagara Falls were put in nomination for the next Annual Convocation. Toronto was declared to be the choice of Grand Chapter by a large majority.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. The M. E. the acting Grand Z. having appointed R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon as chairman of the scrutineers of the ballot, the results of the elections were declared as follows :

R. E. Comp. John Leslie, Winnipeg,	Grand Z.
R. E. Comp. George Moore, Hamilton,	Grand H.
R. E. Comp. J. Earl Halliwell, Stirling,	Grand J.

Grand Chapter was then called off to enable the districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

Grand Chapter resumed labor, when the following nominations were submitted to the M. E. the acting Grand Z. who was pleased to approve in each case and the selections were confirmed.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp. J. J. Wiley, M. D., Dresden,	St. Clair	Dist. No.	1
" " J. H. Argue, Strathroy,	London	"	2
" " J. A. Neff, M. D., Ingersoll,	Wilson	"	3
" " W. A. Mahoney, Guelph,	Wellington	"	4
" " W. M. Logan, Hamilton,	Hamilton	"	5
" " P. J. Scott, M. D., South'p'n	Huron	"	6
" " S. P. Gourlay, St. Catharines	Niagara	"	7
" " R. W. Brennan, Toronto,	Toronto	"	8
" " Jas. Sparling, Meaford,	Georgian	"	9
" " A. J. Hewson, Cobourg,	Ontario	"	10
" " W. S. Morden, Belleville,	Pr. Edward	"	11
" " Francis Bisset, Cornwall,	St. Lawrence	"	12
" " G. T. Martin, Smith's Falls	Ottawa	"	13
" " J. T. Hollinshead, Ft. William,	Algoma	"	14
" " John Dickson, Brandon,	Manitoba	"	15
" " G. W. Clinton, Cumberland	Brit. Columbia	"	16
" " J. N. Rankin, Calgary,	Alberta	"	17
" " Henry Grigerich, Kaslo,	Kootenay	"	18

The election of Grand Officers was then resumed, with the following results :

R.E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Toronto,	Grand Scribe E.
M.E. Comp. Hugh Murray, Hamilton,	Grand Treasurer.
R.E. Comp. E. C. Davies, Toronto,	Grand Scribe N.
R.E. Comp. T. E. Tancock, London,	Grand Prin. Sojourner.
R.E. Comp. W. H. Best, Toronto,	Grand Registrar.
Comp. Jas. M. Pritchard, Toronto,	Grand Janitor.

The following Companions were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year :

R.E. Comp. Aubrey White.....	Toronto.
R.E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt.....	Sarnia.
R.E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch.....	Kingston.
R.E. Comp. Henry T. Smith.....	Toronto.
R.E. Comp. W. T. Toner.....	Collingwood.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, assisted by the Past Grand Z's. then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly-elected officers of Grand Chapter, who were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

• VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. William Forbes, seconded by R. E. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, and

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Toronto Masonic Hall Trust for the use of the rooms, and to the Companions of the Toronto Chapters, for their kindly attention and fraternal reception to the officers and members of Grand Chapter, as well as for the arrangements made for the Forty-Ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand body.

TESTIMONIAL TO M. E. COMP. WILLIAM ROAF.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. Hugh Murray, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved,—That a committee be appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. E. Comp. William Roaf, P. G. Z., in token of Grand Chapter's appreciation of the zealous work done by him during the last two years.

The M. E. Grand Z. then appointed as members of the testimonial committee the Grand Council, the Grand Scribe E., and M. E. Companions Hugh Murray J. E. Harding and A. Shaw.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The following Companions were subsequently appointed to office by the M. E. the Grand Z.:

V.E.	Comp.	J. W. Sanders, Port Hope,	Grand Senior Sojourner.
"	"	H. S. King, Toronto,	" Junior Sojourner.
R.E.	"	Jas. B. Nixon, Toronto,	" Lecturer.
V.E.	"	Alex. Currie, London,	" Sword Bearer.
"	"	Geo. H. Lanigan, Hamilton,	" Master of 1st Veil
"	"	S. B. McClung, Trenton,	" Master of 2nd Veil
"	"	N. F. Townsend, Rossland, B.C.	" Master of 3rd Veil
"	"	Arch. Graham, Brockville,	" Master of 4th Veil
"	"	A. McC. Creery, Vancouver, B.C.	" Standard Bearer.
"	"	J. W. Patterson, Carleton Place	" Dir. of Ceremonies
"	"	Jas. T. Cameron, S. Ste. Marie,	" Organist.
"	"	W. E. Millward, Grimsby,	" Pursuivant.
"	"	F. A. Campbell, Kenora,	" Steward.
"	"	J. E. Bate, Milton,	" "
"	"	L. T. Macdonald, Regina, Sask.	" "
"	"	J. P. Kennedy, M. D., Wingham	" "
"	"	W. M. McGuire, Simcoe,	" "
"	"	Rich. Douglas, Dawson, Y.T.	" "
"	"	W. T. Wilkinson, Amherstburg	" "
"	"	J. N. Fish, Orangeville,	" "
"	"	Wm. Bain, Toronto,	" "
"	"	H. A. McKibbin, Pt. Arthur,	" "

The M.E. the Grand Z. further appointed the under-mentioned Companions to the Executive Committee :

R.E. Comp.	William Forbes.....	Grimsby.
" "	D. H. McIntosh, M.D....	Carleton Place.
" "	Oliver Ellwood.....	London.
" "	Fred. W. Harcourt.....	Toronto.
" "	Jas. McLauchlan.....	Owen Sound.

The labors of Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in AMPLE FORM at 5 o'clock p.m.



Geo. J. Brunch

Grand Scribe E.

TORONTO, JANUARY 23rd, 1907.

CHAPTER RETURNS

No.	Name of Chapter.	Where Held.	Regular Convocation.
1	Anct. Frontenac and Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	Third Friday.....
2	The Hiram.....	Hamilton.....	Fourth Friday.....
3	St. John's.....	London.....	Fourth Wednesday.....
4	St. And and St. John's..	Toronto.....	Third Friday.....
5	St. George's.....	London.....	Fourth Friday.....
6	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	Second Thursday.....
7	The Moira.....	Belleville.....	First Tuesday.....
8	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	Fourth Tuesday.....
15	Wawanosh.....	Sarnia.....	Second Friday.....
16	Carleton.....	Ottawa.....	Third Friday.....
18	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	Third Monday.....
19	Mount Moriah.....	St. Catharines.....	Friday on or b. f. m....
20	Mount Horeb.....	Brantford.....	First Friday.....
22	Grenville.....	Prescott.....	Second Tuesday.....
23	Ezra.....	Simcoe.....	Thursday af. f. m.....
24	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	Third Monday.....
26	St. Mark.....	Trenton.....	Tuesday, af. f. m.....
27	Manitou.....	Collingwood.....	Tuesday on or b. f. m....
28	Pentalpha.....	Oshawa.....	Second Friday.....
29	McCallum.....	Dunnville.....	Friday on or af. f. m....
30	Huron.....	Goderich.....	Third Tuesday.....
31	Prince Edward.....	Pictou.....	Monday on or af. f. m....
32	Waterloo.....	Galt.....	Second Monday.....
34	Signet.....	Barrie.....	Second Tuesday.....
35	Keystone.....	Whitby.....	Third Friday.....
36	Corinthian.....	Peterborough.....	Third Tuesday.....
37	Victoria.....	Port Hope.....	Second Friday.....
40	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	Second Friday.....
41	Harris.....	Ingersoll.....	Second Friday.....
44	Mount Sinai.....	Napanee.....	Wednesday af. f. m....
45	Excelsior.....	Colborne.....	First Tuesday.....
46	St. James.....	St. Mary's.....	Second Monday.....
27	Wellington.....	Chatham.....	Second Thursday.....
48	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	Friday on or b. f. m....
50	Saugeen.....	Walkerton.....	Third Tuesday.....
52	Prince Rupert.....	Winnipeg.....	First Thursday.....
53	Bruce.....	Petrollea.....	Third Wednesday.....
54	Palestine.....	St. Thomas.....	Second Thursday.....
55	Niagara.....	Niagara.....	Thursday af. f. m.....
56	Georgian.....	Owen Sound.....	Third Tuesday.....
57	King Hiram.....	Port Colborne.....	First Thursday.....
58	Pembroke.....	Mattawa.....	Third Tuesday.....
59	Sussex.....	Brockville.....	Third Friday.....
60	Doric.....	Newmarket.....	First Wednesday.....
61	Granite.....	Almonte.....	Second Tuesday.....
62	York.....	Eglinton.....	First Thursday.....
63	Havelock.....	Kincardine.....	Third Thursday.....
64	Willson.....	Welland.....	Last Wednesday.....
65	St. Paul's.....	Toronto.....	Second Wednesday.....
66	The Malloch.....	Seaforth.....	Third Monday.....
67	Enterprise.....	Harriston.....	First Monday.....
68	Maitland.....	North Augusta.....	Friday af. f. m.....
69	Grimsby.....	Grimsby.....	First Wednesday.....
70	Grand River.....	Bracebridge.....	Third Thursday.....
71	Prince of Wales.....	Amherstburg.....	First Monday.....
72	Keystone.....	Stirling.....	Wednesday on or b. f. m.
73	Erie.....	Ridgetown.....	Monday on or af. f. m....
74	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	Thursday af. f. m.....
75	St. Clair.....	Milton.....	Thursday af. f. m.....
76	Mount Nebo.....	Niagara Falls, S.....	Friday on or b. f. m....
77	Occident.....	Toronto.....	Second Friday.....

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Chapter No.	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Admissions.	Joinings.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Members.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	W. Jackson.	H. F. Metcalfe.	4					1	82	3	
2	D. R. Gibson.	G. H. Lanigan.	27	2		1	4	6	264	18	
3	E. S. Crawford.	Oliver Ellwood.	29	1	4	4	7	3	265	20	
4	A. W. Jolliffe.	E. D. Grant.	15	1				4	139	12	
5	N. W. Emerson.	Wm. Spittal.	23	5	2	6		2	154	22	
6	F. H. Yapp.	W. J. McAllister.	22	2	1	1	5	2	251	17	
7	W. N. Ponton.	Wm. McKeown.	18		1	1	2	2	123	14	
8	Jas. B. Nixon.	C. H. B. Johnson.	13	2	4	7	1	15	153		4
15	S. E. Cornell.	Alex. K. Wanless	20			3		1	217	16	
16	E. G. Shane.	J. B. Wright.	10	4		1		2	122	11	
18	G. H. Cheyne.	H. A. Biggins.	2			2	4	1	61		5
19	A. Lindsay.	A. T. Riddell.	7			2			114	5	
20	Joseph J. Waldron.	Thomas Kerr.	23	1			2	4	118	18	
22	R. C. Rose.	J. F. Graham.	3		1	3	3	2	66		4
23	R. E. Gunton.	Jno. Porter.	5			2			137	3	
24	Jno. Stevenson.	J. Russell Stuart.	10	3		3	1	4	133	5	
26	W. Booth.	R. H. Spencer.	16	1		1	4		85	12	
27	G. W. Bruce.	A. W. Lawrence.	3				5	2	89		4
28	Wm. Holland.	L. K. Murton.	14						82	14	
29	W. J. Griffith.	S. Amsden.	4			1		1	49	2	
30	E. L. Dickinson.	J. H. Tigert.	2	1				1	82	2	
31	Jas. W. Allison.	J. L. Graydon.	7			6	4	3	172		6
32	W. J. Taggart.	Chas. Blake.	21			2			100	19	
34	W. J. Sutherland.	W. J. Hallett.	17			1		3	195	13	
35	W. Vanvalkenburg.	W. J. Luke.	4	1		3		1	80	1	
36	W. A. Brundrett.	W. H. Walkey.	11			1	4	1	98	5	
37	Henry C. Bailey.	J. W. Sanders.	5	2	1	2		1	94	5	
40	R. S. Cull.	Chas. M. Gair.	7			2	3	1	74	1	
41	J. A. Neff, M.D.	J. F. Williams.	3					2	56	1	
44	G. F. Ruttan.	E. J. Walters.	2						56	2	
45	James Shaw.	W. W. Southon.	4			2		1	71	1	
* 46	H. A. L. White								41		
47	John M. Pike.	Alex. Gregory.	12	2	2	4	1		116	11	
48	Robert Buck.	Geo. Spence.	2						48	2	
50	R. E. Richardson.	R. C. Cheswright.	4						25	4	
52	Jas. M. Cosgrave.	John A. Munro.	25	6	1	3		4	265	25	
53	Walter Bennett.	John Sinclair.	8			5	4		95		1
54	E. W. Honsinger.	W. E. Idsardi.	7			3	1	2	199	1	
55	F. J. McClelland.	Richard Briggs.	3						38	3	
56	Harry Wright.	Jno. F. McCallum.	9	1		3		1	117	6	
57	Wm. McCracken.	Thos. J. O'Neill.	4					1	28	3	
58	C. W. Haentschel.	W. G. Dinwoodie.							41		
59	Abm. S. Knapp.	Geo. K. Dewey.	8	1	1	1	5	1	104	3	
60	J. E. Hughes.	F. Fisher.	5			2			81	3	
61	M. H. Steele.	Robert Lees.	2	1		1		1	60	1	
62	Carl Lehmann.	W. A. Sherwood.	15	2		1			76	16	
63	W. J. Bruce.	R. D. Hall.	6			5		1	59		
64	Geo. Sutherland.	Geo. Wells.	1					1	69		
65	K. J. Dunstan.	T. D. Bailey.	14	2		3		1	159	12	
66	Wm. J. Moffatt.	R. S. Hays.	8	1		2		1	57	6	
67	E. W. Lambert.	W. A. Glenney.	5			3	2	1	115		1
68	R. W. Watchom.	G. A. Love.	2						27	2	
69	C. W. Harrison.	P. Falconbridge.	13			2	3		70	8	
70	H. J. Bird, jr.	F. P. Warne.	9		1	1	1		71	8	
71	E. R. Lewis.	A. L. Bennett.	6						71	6	
72	Chas. F. Walt.	J. E. Halliwell.	4					1	54	3	
73	R. C. Young, M.D.	A. Long.	2		2	2		1	66	1	
74	Geo. McBeth.	J. H. Argue.	10					1	46	9	
75	J. W. Elliott.	Wm. Panton.	3	1			1	1	41	2	
76	A. S. Murray.	Richd. Sloggett.	26			1		2	171	23	
77	W. B. Stoneham.	Geo. K. Clemens.	51	2	1	5		3	252	46	

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No.	Name of Chapter.	Where Held.	Regular Convocation.
78	Minnewawa.....	Parkhill.....	Friday on or af. f. m....
79	Orient.....	Toronto.....	Fourth Thursday.....
80	Ark.....	Windsor.....	Second Monday.....
81	Aylmer.....	Aylmer.....	Friday on or af. f. m....
82	Sauniah.....	Port Arthur.....	Third Friday.....
83	Lonie.....	Orangeville.....	Friday af. f. m.....
84	Lebanon.....	Wingham.....	Third Tuesday.....
86	Macpherson.....	Meaford.....	Thursday af. f. m.....
88	MacNabb.....	Dresden.....	First Thursday.....
90	Golden.....	Kenora.....	Third Tuesday.....
91	Antiquity.....	Toronto.....	Third Monday.....
94	Midland.....	Lindsay.....	Third Thursday.....
95	Tuscan.....	Sudbury.....	Second Tuesday.....
98	Vancouver.....	Vancouver.....	Second Wednesday.....
99	Keystone.....	Portage la Prairie.....	First Friday.....
100	St. Lawrence.....	Brockville.....	First Thursday.....
101	Corinthian.....	Briseyain.....	Wednesday af. f. m....
102	Algonquin.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	Fourth Friday.....
103	St. John's.....	North Bay.....	First Friday.....
104	White Oak.....	Oakville.....	Second Tuesday.....
106	Alberta.....	Calgary.....	Second Tuesday.....
110	Warkworth.....	Warkworth.....	Wednesday af. f. m....
112	St. John's.....	Morrisburg.....	Tuesday on or af. f. m....
113	Covenant.....	Cornwall.....	Third Wednesday.....
114	Bonnechere.....	Renfrew.....	Third Monday.....
115	Brant.....	Paris.....	Monday on or b. f. m....
116	Maple.....	Carleton Place.....	First Tuesday.....
117	Berlin.....	Berlin.....	Third Friday.....
118	North Star.....	Edmonton.....	Second Tuesday.....
119	King Cyrus.....	Leamington.....	Tuesday af. f. m.....
120	Kootenay.....	Kaslo.....	First Tuesday.....
121	Wascana.....	Regina.....	Second Thursday.....
122	Rossland.....	Rossland.....	First Tuesday.....
123	Nelson.....	Nelson.....	Second Wednesday.....
124	Westminster.....	New Westminster.....	Fourth Thursday.....
125	Rocky Mountain.....	Cranbrook.....	Second Tuesday.....
126	Assiniboia.....	Medicine Hat.....	First Friday.....
127	Keystone.....	Nanaimo.....	First Thursday.....
128	Revelstoke.....	Revelstoke.....	Second Friday.....
129	Elliot.....	Mitnell.....	Second Tuesday af. f. m....
130	Chantry.....	Southampton.....	Tuesday b. f. m.....
131	Amabel.....	Warton.....	Thursday on or b. f. m....
132	Leeds.....	Cambridge.....	Tuesday af. f. m.....
133	St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	Second Friday af. f. m....
134	King Darius.....	Cumington.....	Wednesday af. f. m....
135	Succoth.....	Uxbridge.....	Monday af. f. m.....
136	King Edward.....	Neepawa.....	Second Wed. af. f. m....
137	Crow's Nest.....	Fernie.....	Third Friday.....
138	Shekinah.....	Toronto Junction.....	Second Tuesday.....
139	St. Andrew's.....	Havelock.....	Friday b. f. m.....
140	Fort William.....	Fort William.....	First Friday.....
141	Keystone.....	Brandon.....	Second Monday.....
142	Cyrus.....	Cumberland.....	First Wednesday.....
143	Glegarry.....	Maxville.....	Fourth Tuesday.....
144	Presqu' Isle.....	Brighton.....	Second Friday.....
145	The St. Patrick.....	Toronto.....	Third Saturday.....
146	Bernard.....	Listowel.....	Friday af. f. m.....
147	Lucknow.....	Lucknow.....	Thursday af. f. m.....
148	St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill.....	First Tuesday.....
149	Atwood.....	Rainy River.....	Third Thursday.....
150	London.....	London.....	Second Tuesday.....
151	Laurentian.....	Pembroke.....	Third Thursday.....
152	Alberton.....	Fort Frances.....	Third Thursday.....
153	Sombra.....	Sombra.....	Second Wednesday.....
154	Klondike.....	Dawson.....	Fourth Thursday.....
U.D.	Ancaster.....	Ancaster.....	Tuesday af. f. m.....
U.D.	Avondale.....	Harney.....	Friday on or b. f. m....
157	Okanagan.....	Vernon.....	Second Tuesday.....

CHAPTER RETURNS TO 1ST FEBRUARY, 1907

Chapter No.	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Admissions	Joinings	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	Members.	Increase.	Decrease.
78	A. W. Humphries	Wm. Dawson	10			5	1	3	64	1	
79	J. A. C. Steward	E. H. Anderson	6	1	1	2			110	6	
80	G. B. McLeod	A. E. Edgar	16			2	4	1	127	9	
81	E. E. C. Kilmer	J. E. Richards	2			1			74	1	
82	Alex. G. Smith	Jas. W. Morgan	12	1		3	7	2	101	1	
83	Andrew Hill	D. McPherson	5			3		4	75		2
84	J. Kennedy, M.D.	H. Tambllyn, M.D.	11			7	1		56	3	
85	Jas. Sparling	J. D. Hamill	6					1	51	5	
88	Sam. Bentley	J. B. Carscallen	2	1		1			65	24	
90	F. A. Campbell	G. M. James	1	1					71	14	
91	W. H. Warrington	Wilson Wilby	11		1	10	8	1	115		7
94	Jno. J. McMahon	Geo. S. Patrick	14	1		4			103	11	
95	J. A. Orr	R. S. Mitchell	4			2			66	2	
98	A. McC. Craery	F.M.C'wp'rthwaite	15	3		7	4	3	224	5	
† 99	Fred. L. Newman	Leslie Remey		10					10	10	
100	W. H. Woodrow	E. A. Geiger	7			2	1	1	78	3	
101	H. S. Price	W. H. Sauls	12						69	12	
102	T. E. Simpson	C. W. McCrea	21			3	3	2	171	13	
103	D. McLaren	J. W. McCallum	8		1	2	1	2	86	4	
104	W. A. Chisholm	W. O. Joyce	2			3		1	48		2
105	Geo. H. Hogbin	E. Nelson Brown	15	9	1	1	4	1	115	19	
110	E. J. Free	P. S. Ewing	1	1		1		1	48		
112	A. W. Massey	D. T. Henderson	3			3			49	3	
113	J. G. Harkness	John Ridley	6		2				95	5	
114	Henry Cox	Wm. Hay	4			5	2		71		3
115	J. R. Inksater	W. M. Whitehead	3						47	3	
116	James Garvin	A. H. Edwards	7				1		64	6	
117	Albert E. King	Frs. H. Spence	5	1		1			71	5	
118	F. A. Osborne	A. R. Duncan	4	2		2	1		57	3	
119	W. A. Baker	Robt. Lamarsh	4			2		1	65	1	
120	J. J. Street	E. E. Chipman	3		1	1	2		39	1	
121	W. M. Martin	J. M. Shaw, M.D.	21	2		2	11	3	55	7	
122	D. E. Kerr	C. H. Dunne	5			4			75	1	
123	T. S. McPherson	Thos. Morley	6	1		3	5	2	54		3
124	J. B. Johnson	T. J. Armstrong	5	2		1			48	6	
125	J. D. McBride	W. F. Tate	21	1		9			63	13	
* 126	T. E. Carbery	W. G. Niblock							23		
127	A. A. Davis	Jno. F. Doyle	3				8	1	44		6
128	T. W. Bain	Rev. C. A. Procnier	15			4	2		55	9	
129	F. H. Thompson	Wm. Babb	1			1			38		
130	R. B. Hilmer	P. J. Scott, M.D.	6						54	6	
131	Wm. Smythe	D. Huether	3	2				2	41	3	
132	Chas. A. Watt	W. S. Bowden	5	1		1	2		105	1	
133	W. H. Wilson	Geo. W. Fluker	7			1			48	6	
134	Thos. Foster	Wm. Bick	5						49	5	
135	J. H. Cain	V. M. Hare	13				1	1	81	11	
136	John Wemyss	J. V. Smith	25	1		3		2	89	21	
137	Saul Bonnell	J. R. McEwing	6	1					41	7	
138	J. T. McMullin	F. B. Hartney	15			1		2	72	12	
139	Alex. Mathison	A. Kniewasser	5						25	5	
140	D. M. Mitchell	W. J. Huston	19	1		2		1	71	17	
141	A. P. McInnis	T. B. Whitehead	3	2					58	5	
142	Clive A. Staples	Jno. Matthews	9			1			44	8	
143	D. A. Irvine	D. P. McDiarmid	6			3			48	3	
144	J. H. McMaster	F. A. M. Roblin	4			1			37	3	
145	Geo. McQuillan	W. S. Milne	101	1		8		5	417	89	
146	F. Rogers	W. J. Howe	7			1			34	6	
* 147	R. R. McLeod	H. Morrison				6			29		6
148	T. G. Thomson	John A. McInnes	1	1		1			44	1	
149	J. T. Stephenson	W. H. Perrin	2						34	2	
150	T. H. Baker	C. C. Reed	10	1					63	11	
151	A. J. Sparling	Jno. P. Miller, jr.	5						36	5	
152	Chas. J. Hollands	Geo. A. Stethem	4	1					19	5	
153	Henry Roebuck	W. B. Stokes	20	9					29	29	
154	Richard Douglas	John Black	49	23					72	72	
Anc	Chas. Duff			10					10	10	
Avon	J. C. W. Reid			15					15	15	
157	S. Bartholomew	Elvin Dixon		15					15	15	
			1,277	166	29	230	136	135	11,053	1,025	54

*No Returns to 31st Dec., 1906.

†Chapter Restored.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters	129		
Number of Members, December 31st, 1905			10,085
" Registrations " 1906	1,277		
" Joinings " "	166		
" Restorations " "	29		
		1,472	
" Withdrawals	230		
" Suspensions	136		
" Deaths	135		
		501	
Net Gain			971
Total Membership, 31st Dec., 1906			11,056

SUSPENSION, U.M.C.

No. 53. John Read.

SUSPENSIONS, N.P.D.

No. 2. W. F. Taylor, John C. Munro, Thos. Johnston, F. A. Sterrett.

No. 3. J. H. Booth, T. T. McDougall, W. H. Irvine, Jas. Presley, M. E. Myers, J. G. Tambling, W. A. Tune.

No. 6. Jas. Balfour, C. E. Daniels, J. F. Eagle, Sydney Smith, J. F. Goad.

No. 7. L. A. Appleby.

No. 8. J. C. Gough.

No. 18. J. L. Farrington, J. N. McAllister, A. Cameron, F. Sykes

No. 20. E. Gartung, W. J. Hansford.

No. 22. A. J. Smith, Jas. Stoddard, Geo. Reid.

No. 24. J. M. Bolton.

No. 26. F. Ford, J. Riddick, G. T. Neun, S. F. Dixon.

No. 27. A. B. Pratt, G. B. Westcott, David Beatty, F. E. Palmer, H. E. Shepperd.

No. 31. J. Malcolm Clapp, Edwin Clarke, W. M. Ackerman, N. T. Kingsley.

No. 36. P. M. Clarke, Jas. Hamilton, DeC. King, A. StA. Smith.

No. 40. G. A. Black, W. Marcroft, Thos. New.

No. 47. S. C. Mason.

No. 53. W. J. R. Zimmerman, Joseph Belasco, C. W. StClair.

- No. 54. P. H. Lyons.
- No. 59. Jas. Flynn, D. S. Mallory, A. Moulton, F. Sharpe,
Herb. Simpson.
- No. 67. Alex. Wyness, D. Rubert.
- No. 69. C. C. Wainer, W. H. Trembly, W. F. Talman.
- No. 70. J. F. Gillies.
- No. 75. R. G. Campbell.
- No. 78. G. R. Watson.
- No. 80. G. W. Chisholm, Jas. Dixon, F. W. Porter, Harry
Seibert.
- No. 82. Jno. Armstrong, Jno. Bartle, J. J. Jackson, Wm.
Williamson, J. W. Thursby, P. S. Griffin, A. H.
Smith.
- No. 84. And. Cousley.
- No. 91. Jas. Blair, R. J. Hannah, L. J. Woodward, W. J.
Waltham, J. E. Rawstron, M. W. Lackie, F. M.
Thomas, Walter Mann.
- No. 98. J. W. Cross, H. T. Widdicombe, H. A. Amy, Ira Cutler.
- No. 100. John Borthwick.
- No. 102. Y. N. Weyness, H. R. Moore; Neil Currie.
- No. 103. H. A. Washburn.
- No. 106. R. N. Kirkpatrick, J. Bannerman, W. C. Howard,
F. J. Jay.
- No. 114. H. Douglas, A. Joyce.
- No. 116. Robt. McNair,
- No. 118. D. S. Lloyd.
- No. 120. Jacob Dover, C. W. Stephen.
- No. 121. Arth. Downey, D. K. Watson, T. C. Johnston,
J. A. Kerr, D. McIntosh, L. Castellain, G. Will,
J. A. McKee, R. H. Lowe, W. E. Fisher,
T. E. Birbeck.
- No. 123. W. J. Quinlan, N. T. MacLeod, F. Fletcher, N. D.
Moore, R. H. Williams.
- No. 127. W. W. Baer, H. A. Foster, C. R. Hardy, G. A. Huff,
E. M. Yarwood, J. D. Young, R. H. Rowe,
John Thomson.

No. 128. A. E. Baldry.

No. 132. A. E. Braithwaite, Robt. C. Porter.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 3. B. C. Thomas, Wm. Gerry, Jas. W. Wallace, Henry Gould.

No. 5. F. H. Herbert, Alex. McLean.

No. 6. Frs. Miller.

No. 7. Hy. E. Johnston.

No. 8. W. Parson, F. M. Bell-Smith, I. B. Johnson, W. H. Woodstock.

No. 22. Chas. Gerald.

No. 34. Robt. L. Rice.

No. 37. Moore Kelly.

No. 47. G. W. Cundle, J. C. Bell.

No. 52. D. W. Palmer.

No. 59. Wm. L. McKenzie.

No. 70. Wm. Gall.

No. 73. F. W. Ensor, J. A. Fuller.

No. 77. W. J. Damp.

No. 79. Thos. Humphrey.

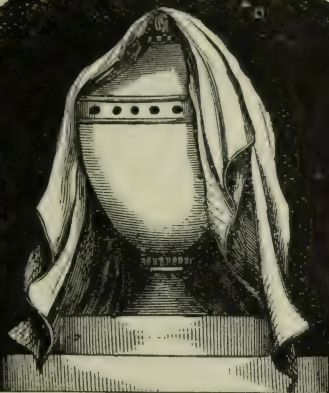
No. 91. G. W. Boughton.

No. 103. S. A. Huntington.

No. 106. Frank Pyman.

No. 113. J. M. Cook, R. T. Nicholson.

No. 120. Jacob Dover.



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Companions

IN MEMORIAM

R. EX. COMPANION

John McLaren

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—1880

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND
CHAPTER OF ARKANSAS

DIED 18th FEBRUARY, 1906

ORANGEVILLE, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

William Walker

PAST GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER—1893

AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND
CHAPTER OF KENTUCKY

DIED 22nd FEBRUARY, 1906

TORONTO, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Fred Walter

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

HAMILTON DISTRICT—1899

DIED 1st MARCH, 1906

HAMILTON, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

J. McLean Stevenson

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

GEORGIAN DISTRICT—1884

AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND
CHAPTER OF NEW JERSEY

DIED 3rd JUNE, 1906

BARRIE, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Thomas Irwin

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

HAMILTON DISTRICT—1891

DIED 24th JUNE, 1906

HAMILTON, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

William Braden

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

MANITOBA DISTRICT—1904

DIED 20th JULY, 1906

WINNIPEG, MAN.

R. EX. COMPANION

Richard T. Walkem

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

CENTRAL DISTRICT—1891

DIED 23rd MARCH, 1906

KINGSTON, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

James Adams

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

CENTRAL DISTRICT—1894

DIED 1st JUNE, 1906

KINGSTON, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

John S. Dewar

PAST GRAND SCRIBE N.—1887

AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND
CHAPTER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DIED 16th SEPTEMBER, 1906

LONDON, ONT.

Deaths

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- No. 1. R. T. Walkem, 23 March, '06 ; James Adams.
June 1, '06.
- No. 2. Fred. Walter, March 1, '06; And Cowan,
10th May, '06; Thos. Irwin, 24th June,
'06; R. J. Tufts, 12th Oct., '06; Hugh
Shaw, Feb., '06.
- No. 3. W. H. Grenfell, 12th June, '06; J. W. Rey-
nolds, 24th July, '06; J. S. Dewar, 16th
Sept., '06.
- No. 4. John Erskine, —; W. E. Pilkington, 26th
April, '06; Ed. Egan, 15th Nov., '06; J. A.
Paul 22nd Dec., '06.
- No. 5. F. McConnell, Nov., '06; T. Hilliard, Sept., '06.
- No. 6. Henry Carscallen, 12th Sept., '06; G. C.
Broadfield, 11th Dec., '06.
- No. 7. W. J. McCamon, 5th July, '06; W. D. Chis-
holm, 23rd Oct., '06.

Deaths

- No. 8. J. M. Rogerson, D. Candow, J. Robertson,
A. H. Munroe, J. Clare, J. McCaul, A. C.
Hurrell, W. R. Barber, A. H. Barclay,
E. Westman, 1 Nov., '06; E. Egan, 10th
Oct., '06; J. McBean, 5th Aug., '06;
H. M. Poulton, 9th Aug., '06; J. J.
Elliott, 12th July, '06; J. T. Henning,
22nd Nov., '06.
- No. 15. R. S. Oliver, 4th Oct., '06.
- No. 16. E. B. Eddy, Feb., '06; A. A. Henderson,
May, '06.
- No. 18. W. E. Wilkinson, 20th May, '06.
- No. 20. Milton Baker, 23rd Jan., '06; Jno. Taylor,
4th Feb., '06; J. J. Fyle, 28th March, '06;
S. R. Ickes, 25th April, '06.
- No. 22. D. Campbell, 26th June, '06; F. A. Nunn,
3rd Dec., '06.
- No. 24. J. T. Perry, 17th June, '06; D. Scrimgeour,
10th April, '06; N. L. Lorimer, 3rd May,
'06; O. E. Stalker, 22nd July, '06.
- No. 27. Hiram Davies, 6th Mar., '06; Joseph Rorke,
30th Nov., '06.
- No. 29. T. F. Walters, 7th Oct., '06.
- No. 30. James Craigie, 24th Feb., '06.
- No. 31. W. T. Shaw, 8th May, '06; W. H. Solmes,
17th Aug., '06; J. Mottashed, 16th Oct. '06
- No. 34. J. McL. Stevenson, 3rd June, '06; R. I.
Fraser, 24th May, '06; A. G. Breed,
16th Oct., '06.
- No. 35. W. F. Eastwood, 17th Sept., '06.
- No. 36. L. Wallis, 29th Nov., '06.
- No. 37. Job Dickenson, 3rd March, '06.
- No. 40. Ambrose Summers.
- No. 41. Jas. McIntyre, 31st March, '06; J. P. Boles,
26th July, '06.
- No. 45. S. J. Tucker.
- No. 52. W. D. Douglas, 20th Jan., '06; Wm. Braden,
29th July, '06; H. Hart, 13th Nov., '06;
M. F. St. John, Aug., '06.

Deaths

- No. 54. E. G. O'Donnell, 2nd April, '06; T. H. Stone, 4th Nov., '06.
- No. 56. Thos. McGill, 21st Sept., '06.
- No. 57. C. S. Carter, 24th March, '06.
- No. 59. D. S. Booth, 26th March, '06.
- No. 61. Lewis Coulter, 18th Dec., '06.
- No. 63. Peter Flett, 22nd June, '06.
- No. 64. John Richardson, 15th Nov., '06.
- No. 65. Walter Barwick, 1st July, '06.
- No. 66. Geo. Whitely, 9th Sept., '06.
- No. 67. E. E. Dales, Oct., '06.
- No. 72. H. S. Ferguson, 5th Jan., '06.
- No. 73. W. H. Ellwood, 19th April, '06.
- No. 74. Henry Gough, 8th Oct., '06.
- No. 75. Alex. B. Wright, 10th March, '06.
- No. 76. Wm. Keller, 6th Oct., '06; Henry Barge, 26th Oct., '06.
- No. 77. Jno. J. Thompson, 12th Jan., '06; Frank Kerins, 23rd Jan., '06; W. J. Everson, 29th Nov., '06.
- No. 78. Jno. Corbett, 26th Oct., '06; Donald Ross, 27th Sept., '06; Geo. Webster, 30th Oct., '06.
- No. 80. A. W. Joyce, 20th Feb., '06.
- No. 82. Wm. Newcombe, 15th March, '06; Geo. D. Neeley, ———.
- No. 83. Jas. Broddy, 8th Aug., '06; Jno. McLaren, 18th Feb., '06; J. G. Alton, July, '06; Robt. Shields, 18th Oct., '06.
- No. 86. John McRae, 6th Nov., '06.
- No. 91. William Walker, 22nd Feb., '06.
- No. 98. O. L. Spencer, 27th Dec., '05; Alex. McMorine, 11th Aug., '06; John Hibbert, Dec., '06.
- No. 100. J. W. Easton, 27th Sept., '06.
- No. 102. G. W. Stadley, 17th Aug., '06; H. R. Sanders, 3rd Nov., '06.
- No. 103. Wm. Cooper, 7th July, '06; W. J. Hewitt, 19th Jan., '06.

Deaths

- No. 104. Richard Quance, 22nd Nov., '06.
No. 106. M. A. E. Hayne, April, '06.
No. 110. Geo. Gerow, 16th Jan., '06.
No. 119. Geo. C. Foster, 12th Aug., '06.
No. 121. P. M. Barker, J. L. Tullock, Wm. Urton.
No. 123. J. H. Nolan, 7th Aug., '05; G. H. Sproat,
—— Feb., '06.
No. 127. W. K. Leighton, 1st Nov., '06.
No. 131. Jas. V. Crawford, Chas. N. Shaw.
No. 132. Jno. Willoughby, 7th Aug., '06; C. H.
Clarke, 9th Sept., '06.
No. 135. Geo. Abrahams, 3rd Nov., '06.
No. 136. R. G. McCosh, 2nd Jan., '06; J. E. Cochran,
30th Oct., '06.
No. 138. Wm. Hinde, 14th June, '06; John Paul,
22nd Dec., '06.
No. 140. Wm. Newcombe, 9th March, '06.
No. 145. J. R. C. Fulton, 16th Feb., '06; E. A. Dun-
kin, 4th June, '06; T. R. Merritt, 8th
July, '06; W. A. Ball, 3rd Nov., '06; John
Parke, 1st Dec., '06.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R.E. Comp. George Moore, Hamilton, President.

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE.

M.E. Comp.	Donald Ross.....	Toronto
"	Robert Hendry, Jr.....	Kingston
"	J. Ross Robertson.....	Toronto
"	J. E. Harding.....	Lindsay
"	Michl. Walsh.....	Ingersoll
"	W. G. Reid.....	Hamilton
"	Wm. Gibson.....	Beamsville
"	Abraham Shaw.....	Kingston
"	Henry Robertson.....	Collingwood
"	Hugh Murray.....	Hamilton
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"	R. W. Brennan, Toronto,	Toronto	"	8
"	Jas. Sparling, Meaford,	Georgian	"	9
"	A. J. Hewson, Cobourg,	Ontario	"	10
"	W. S. Morden, Belleville,	Pr. Edward	"	11
"	F. Bisstt, Cornwall,	St. Lawrence	"	12
"	G. T. Martin, Smith's Falls,	Ottawa	"	13
"	J. T. Hollinshead, Ft. W'm,	Algoma	"	14
"	John Dickson, Brandon,	Manitoba	"	15
"	G. W. Clinton, Cumberland	Brit. Columbia	"	16
"	J. N. Rankin, Calgary,	Alberta	"	17
"	Henry Grigerich, Kaslo,	Kootenay	"	18

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" "	O. Ellwood	London
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BENEVOLENCE.

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AUDIT AND FINANCE.

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Dresden.

No.		No.	
47,	Wellington.....Chatham	80,	Ark.....Windsor
71,	Pr. of Wales...Amherstburg	88,	MacNabb.....Dresden
73,	Erie.....Ridgetown	119,	King Cyrus. . Leamington

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 2.

Grand Superintendent — R. E. Comp. J. H. Argue,
Strathroy.

No.		No.	
3,	St. John's.....London	74,	Beaver.....Strathroy
5,	St. George's.....London	81,	Aylmer.....Aylmer
15,	Wawanosh.....Sarnia	78,	Minnewawa .....Parkhill
53,	Bruce.....Petrolia	150,	London.....London
54,	Palestine.....St. Thomas	153,	Sombra .....Sombra

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. J. A. Neff, M.D.,
Ingersoll.

No.		No.	
18,	Oxford.....Woodstock	41,	Harris.....Ingersoll
20,	Mount Horeb ....Brantford	115,	Brant.....Paris
23,	Ezra.....Simcoe		

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. W. A. Mahoney,
Guelph.

No.		No.	
32,	Waterloo.....Galt	83,	Ionic.....Orangeville
40,	Guelph.....Guelph	117,	Berlin.....Berlin
67,	Enterprise.....Harriston		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 5.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. W. M. Logan, Ham-
ilton.

No.		No.	
2,	The Hiram.....Hamilton	75,	St. Clair.....Milton
6,	St. John's.....Hamilton	104,	White Oak.....Oakville
			U.D. Ancaster.....Ancaster

HURON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

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Southampton.

No.		No.	
24,	Tecumseh.....Stratford	84,	Lebanon.....Wingham
30,	Huron.....Goderich	129,	Elliot.....Mitchell
46,	St. James.....St. Mary's	130,	Chantry.....Southampton
50,	Saugeen.....Walkerton	146,	Bernard.....Listowel
63,	Havelock.....Kincardine	147,	Lucknow.....Lucknow
66,	The Malloch.....Seaforth		

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 7.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. S. P. Gourlay, St.
Catharines.

No.		No.	
19,	Mt. Moriah...St. Catharines	64,	Willson.....Welland
29,	McCallum.....Dunnville	69,	Grimsby.....Grimsby
55,	Niagara.....Niagara	76,	Mt. Nebo ....Niagara Falls
57,	King Hiram...Pt. Colborne		

TORONTO DISTRICT, NO. 8.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. R. W. Brennan,
Toronto.

No.		No.	
4,	St. Andrews and St. John's.....Toronto	79,	Orient.....Toronto
8,	King Sol'on's,....Toronto	91,	Antiquity.....Toronto
60,	Doric.....Newmarket	135,	Succoth.....Uxbridge
62,	York.....Eglinton	138,	Shekinah....Toronto Junc
65,	St. Paul's.....Toronto	145,	The St. Patrick...Toronto
77,	Occident.....Toronto		

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. Jas. Sparling, Meaford

No.		No.	
27,	Manitou.....Collingwood	86,	Macpherson ....Meaford
34,	Signet.....Barrie	103,	St. John's.....North Bay
56,	Georgian.....Owen Sound	131,	Amabel.....Wiarton
70,	Grand River. ..Bracebridge		

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 10.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. A. J. Hewson,
Cobourg.

No.		No.	
28,	Pentalpha.....Oshawa	94,	Midland.....Lindsay
35,	Keystone.....Whitby	110,	Warkworth...Warkworth
36,	Corinthian.....Peterboro'	134,	King Darius ..Cannington
37,	Victoria.....Port Hope	139,	St. Andrew's ....Havelock
45,	Excelsior.....Colborne	144,	Presqu'Isle .....Brighton
48,	St. John's.....Cobourg		

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 11.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. W. S. Morden, Belleville.

No.		No.	
7,	The Moira..... Belleville	44,	Mount Sinai..... Napanee
26,	St. Mark's..... Trenton	72,	Keystone..... Stirling
31,	Prince Edward, Picton		

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 12.

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No.		No.	
1,	Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui..... Kingston	100,	St. Lawrence, ... Brockville
22,	Grenville..... Prescott	112,	St. John's..... Morrisburg
59,	Surrex..... Brockville	113,	Covenant..... Cornwall
68,	Maitland..... N. Augusta	132,	Leeds..... Gananoque

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 13.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. G. T. Martin, Smith's Falls.

No.		No.	
16,	Carleton..... Ottawa	133,	St. Francis... Smith's Falls
58,	Pembroke..... Mattawa	143,	Glengarry..... Maxville
61,	Granite..... Almonte	148,	St. John's... Vankleek Hill
114,	Bonnechere..... Renfrew	151,	Laurentian Pembroke
116,	Maple..... Carleton Pl.		

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 14.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. J. T. Hollinshead, Fort William.

No.		No.	
82,	Shuniah..... Port Arthur	102,	Algonquin..... S. Ste. Marie
90,	Golden..... Kenora	140,	Ft. William... Ft. William
95,	Tuscan..... Sudbury	149,	Atwood..... Rainy River
		152,	Alberton..... Ft. Frances

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No.		No.	
52,	Pr. Rupert..... Winnipeg	136,	King Edward, ... Neepawa
99,	Keystone ... Port la Prairie	141,	Keystone..... Brandon
101,	Corinthian..... Boissevain	U.D.,	Avondale..... Hartney

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. G. Witt. Clinton, Cumberland.

No.		No.	
98,	Vancouver.....Vancouver	127,	Keystone.....Nanaimo
124,	Westminster,N.Westm'ter	142,	Cyrus.....Cumberland

ALBERTA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

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No.		No.	
106,	Alberta.....Calgary	121,	Wascana.....Regina
118,	North Star.....Edmonton	126,	Assiniboia...Medicine Hat

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, NO. 18.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. Henry Grigerich, Kaslo.

No.		No.	
120,	Kootenay.....Kaslo	125,	Rocky Mount'n,Cranbrook
122,	Rossland.....Rossland	128,	Revelstoke....Revelstoke
123,	Nelson.....Nelson	137,	Crow's Nest.....Ferne
		157,	Okanagan.....Vernon

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No.	
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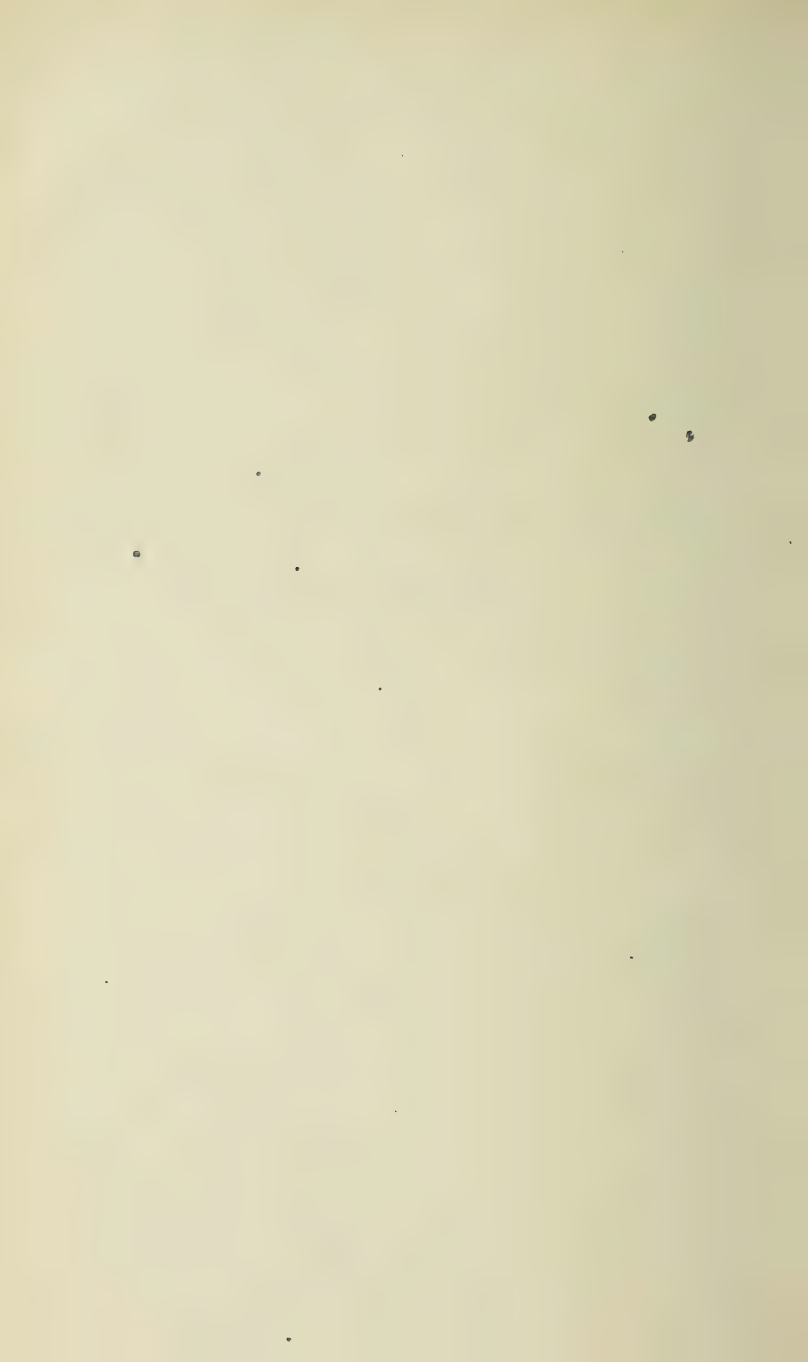
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APPENDIX



REPORT ON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

*To the M E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

In entering upon this review of the proceedings of sister Grand Chapters, one marvels at the ever increasing pile of printed matter that must necessarily be perused if a fair idea of the situation is to be intelligently presented. The outlook is formidable and one realizes that many hours of labor and thought are to be set apart from other duties and recreations before the task is completed. Glancing hastily through a few of the volumes, as a preliminary, the same old topics are observed cropping up, and as these have been pretty well disposed of in former reports a reference or note of explanation must suffice where they are concerned. It is possible to have too much of a good thing, and it is not improbable that we may have been justly accused of over-estimating the patience of those for whom we write. To use our advantage with discretion is laudable, to overdo it is to abuse the privilege.

There is an old story of the entertainment of two bishops by a hostess, who, after dinner, caused to be handed them a box of cigars. The first bishop considered smoking a device of the Evil One. With scant civility he declined the offered cigar and, with more force than politeness, denounced the villainous habit of smoking. The other prelate, being a lover of the weed, contrived to reprove his reverend brother's narrow-mindedness by putting to him the following question :— " Now, which do you think is most to be condemned, the use or the abuse of a thing ? " The other promptly replied : " The abuse, of course ! " " Then," responded the genial bishop, " You see that I use tobacco, while you abuse it ! "

In the hope, therefore, that the lengthy journey before us will provide something fresh and inspiring, we start out, as usual with—

Alabama

Chapters .. 50.

Members 2,165.

Basil M. Hill, Grand High Priest, at the 79th Convocation at Montgomery, on December 4th, 1905, gave his Companions to understand that he entertains a lofty opinion of the resources and brilliant future of the State which acknowledges him as an illustrious native. His graphic picture of its visible beauties and hidden treasures was so exhaustive, that words were scarce when he reached the narrative of his own accomplishments. Among his numerous dispensations was one for a new Chapter at Tuskegee. Ten of the fifty Chapters were honored by his presence, and he made a number of appointments as Grand Representatives. A shining jewel on his faithful bosom will at future convocations mark the keen appreciation of his Companions.

The worthy Grand Secretary's report indicated continued progress and an increased balance.

The request for recognition from the new Grand Chapter of Western Australia appealed favorably to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but in view of the attitude of the Grand Chapters of Scotland and England, the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee for further delay was agreed to by Grand Chapter.

The good work of the Grand Secretary received merited recognition at the hands of the Committee on the Address.

"As a Grand Chapter we should feel proud of the constant revival of capitular masonry, mainly through the devotion and intelligent work done by Grand Secretary Beauchamp. Within five years our membership has gone from 800 to 2,100."

Before the election occurred, the Grand High Priest intimated that he would prefer that the Grand Chapter should not re-elect him, for the reason that it took many years for one to ascend to the office of Grand High Priest, and begged the Grand Chapter to more evenly divide the honors in future.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to let the minutes of the Grand Chapter show that this request had been made, as the action of the Grand Chapter might not be understood in other Grand jurisdictions. A thoughtful action, as the latter might otherwise be worried.

The weight of the volume, however, is in Companion Titcomb's review of the Grand Chapters. As an educator it should be eagerly welcomed by the Companions of Alabama. As a report it is a model of care and accuracy, and in the role of critic its author displays a most commendable directness without the shadow of bias. He covers one hundred and sixty pages, and every one of them commands perusal, for he omits nothing of value. Three of them he generously devotes to Canada for 1905. He quotes M.E. Comp. Shaw on "canvassing for office," and remarks—

"Would that every member of our noble fraternity would heed those earnest words and, as we have heretofore urged, choke the life out of all such political methods in our Lodges and Chapters."

Of the correspondent's efforts he has some nice things to say, and quotes him freely.

The Kansas Companion extolled the "accessories" in presenting the degrees and invited Comp. Titcomb, who objected to stage embellishments, to visit one of their "progressive" Chapters. The latter replies :

Well, Companion, "possibly" you will convince us, but we greatly fear that we should feel as though we were attending a theatrical entertainment—a show. Why not let the "plain ritual" of the Symbolic Lodge have its counterpart in the work of the Chapter? Would such scenes as are referred to appeal to the hearts of men like those who met in "The Lodge Room Over Simpkins' Store"?

May the veteran Companion be spared many years to interest and instruct those for whom he labors so assiduously.

Francis H. Bates, Hamburg, Grand High Priest.

Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

Arizona

Chapters . . 7.

Members . . 469.

Flagstaff, where once flourished a good Chapter, which has since suffered decay and inanition, was selected for the Sixteenth Annual Convocation, held in 1905, on the 15th November. Why? deponent sayeth not. Peradventure there are ten Companions still in the place whose enthusiasm may be revived to save its Capitular reputation.

Grand High Priest Sweeney was silent on that matter, as on other subjects. In explanation he remarked :

"The year just past has not been one of notable events within this jurisdiction, therefore the duties which I have been called upon to legislate have been largely in the nature of routine."

As a revivalist he could not be said to have been a brilliant success personally. He visited one Chapter, his own, and made one suggestion, viz., to return to the old ritual, or what is known locally as "the Caswell work." Otherwise he learned, officially, of course, that the jurisdiction was happy and prosperous.

The Committee regretted that the address was so brief, but congratulated the Grand Chapter on the excellent condition of affairs in the several Chapters, "which has made it unnecessary for the Grand High Priest to do more than he has done." And for what he achieved, one way or the other, a grateful Grand Chapter voted him a jewel.

The Grand Lecturer reported in favor of the old as against the General Grand's ritual, and advised that the Chapters be permitted to take their choice.

Little else came before the Convocation, and it was closed in harmony.

Prosper P. Parker, Phoenix, Grand High Priest.

Geo. J. Roskrige, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

Arkansas

Chapters . . 77.

Members . . 2,639.

"The Chapters throughout the State appear to be in a prosperous condition, growing slowly but surely, and the outlook for the future is good," said Grand High Priest Donnell, addressing the Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation at Little Rock on November 23rd, 1905, but if our good Companion Bone would but "tot up" his statistical columns it would please more than himself.

Ten members of the defunct Harrisburg Chapter presented an article of agreement pledging themselves, if it was restored, to attend each and every Convocation. In a similar case certain Companions appealed without giving such pledge. The Committee reported in favor of both, though the record fails to say that such report was endorsed.

Grand Lecturer Dannelly, ill and confined to his bed for some time, sent a letter in which the following portentous and pathetic passage appears :

"I fear I shall never meet the Grand Bodies again, but I am just waiting the call of the Supreme Architect of the Universe."

Matters for discussion were of purely local interest, and the session was undisturbed by animated debate.

Companion McCaleb's contribution to the appendices is missing, nor is any explanation offered for the disappearance of Arkansas' valuable correspondent. The indefatigable Grand Secretary is announced as successor.

N. P. Richmond, Malvern, Grand High Priest.

John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.

Colorado

Chapters . . 38.

Members . . 3,427.

Charles Otto Unfug presided as Grand High Priest over the Thirty-first Annual Convocation at Denver on 21st September, 1905.

M.E. Companion Unfug, who succeeded to the office upon the death of Grand High Priest David R. Crosby, which sad event occurred just one month after his installation in the previous September, said :

"The question having arisen, whether on account of the death of our Grand High Priest, I should act as Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest, or Grand High Priest, to avoid dispute and argument I submitted the matter to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who unanimously decided that as under our By-Laws the office of Grand High Priest never becomes vacant, I was *de facto* Grand High Priest, and should act accordingly."

It is not for us to say, being unacquainted with the law in Colorado, but if the office was hitherto an elective one, how could a Committee usurp the privilege of Grand Chapter? Of course, if the latter is content—nuff sed.

He issued dispensations for three new Chapters, and constituted one.

Two Grand High Priest's jewels were ordered, one to be sent to the widow of the late M.E. David R. Crosby and one for Companion Charles O. Unfug.

The various Committees had little to do, and nothing of interest to the outsider came to the surface during the Convocation.

M.E. Comp. Ernest le Neve Foster submitted, for, we believe, the seventeenth time, his annual report on Correspondence, and maintains his high-class reputation. He devotes three of his many pages to Canada for 1905, and thinks well of us. He would like the combination, but where it cannot be had, prefers the ritualist in the chair to the man of business.

"Words learned by rote a parrot may rehearse,
But talking is not always to converse;
Not more distinct from harmony divine
The constant creaking of a country sign."

1906

Letters of regret were read from Past Grand High Priest Henry T. West and A. A. Burnand, Past Deputy Grand High Priest George K. Kimball and others re-

greeting their inability to be present at the Thirty-second Annual Convocation at Denver on September 20, 1906.

The Pennsylvania representative responded to Grand High Priest's Heiskell's welcome to the diplomatic corps

" We speak of Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry, which is correct enough as to our origin and the original source of our rites and Ceremonies, but as a matter of fact in superstructure, we have become an American institution, and we are proud of this fact.

The banner of Freemasonry and the Stars and Stripes, the glorious emblem of our great and growing country, are inseparably intertwined."

What about the other fellows ? But there, if a cake is handed round our uncle must have it all.

Among the many who responded to the inevitable call during the past year, were two Past Grand High Priests of this jurisdiction. M. E. Companion Albert H. Branch, who died at his home in Denver, Colorado, December 6, 1905 : and M. E. Companion John Humphreys died in Trinidad, Colorado, on April 25, 1906.

The G. H. P. constituted two new Chapters and issued his dispensation for a third. The latter was apparently enterprising, for they asked permission to ballot on applications the same evening as received and read, but as this savored too much of a wholesale proposition, of which the G. H. P. did not approve, and as he was satisfied it would have the disapproval of Grand Chapter, he properly declined.

In response to his call, the Chapters donated liberally of their funds and the sum of \$981.65 was sent to the Grand High Priest of California to aid in alleviating the suffering in San Francisco.

He was an assiduous visitor and accompanied his colleagues to the triennial of the General Grand in June where they evidently had a good time as " there was no particular design on the trestle board."

Neither was there anything to vex Colorado's Grand Chapter and having pinned a glittering jewel on the

broadcloth of the retiring Grand High Priest, the convocation closed in peace.

Companion Foster's Correspondence report covered over a hundred pages of good reading. He expresses regret that his 1905 report did not reach us in time for our review. We echo his sorrow, but it certainly did not reach our desk until we had written "finis." He devotes much of his attention to our proceedings for 1906, and is complimentary.

Joseph W. Milsom, Denver, Grand High Priest.

Chas. H. Jacobson, Denver, Grand Secretary.

Connecticut

Chapters . . 40.

Members . . 7,172.

One hundred and eight Annual Convocations has this Grand Chapter seen, and it is still hale, hearty and active. Hartford was selected for that of 1906, and the Masonic Hall of that city saw an enthusiastic if not numerous gathering of Royal Arch stalwarts on May 8th last, among them Canada's envoy, M.E. Comp. George N. Delap, of Hartford. to whom is extended the cordial congratulations of the jurisdiction he so worthily represents on his elevation to the exalted office of Grand High Priest.

His predecessor, M.E. Comp. J. R. Johnson, who presided over the deliberations, delivered an address, which, like a donkey's gallop, was distinguished for its sweet brevity.

As Deputy Grand High Priest, Comp. Delap did much visiting, in which he observed that "While the main, or fundamental precepts of the Order are correctly exemplified in all cases, some innovations and inconsistencies are practised, which have been handed down from former times."

Grand King Huntington was also on the rough road. One of his visits was to South Norwalk, on which occasion the Bridgeport Companions assisted to swell the occasion. He thus describes how the dignified Royal Arch can unbend in the Nutmeg State :

"The Chapter having been convened at an early hour, work was suspended and all Companions present, about one hundred, headed by the South Norwalk band, marched to the rail-road station to meet and escort to their rooms their visitors from Bridgeport. The Bridgeport Companions brought with them the Wheeler and Wilson band and the members of the two Chapters marched through the principal streets of South Norwalk with bands playing while the sidewalks were filled with cheering crowds and the streets were illuminated by red fire and such Roman candles and rockets as had survived the last fourth of July."

Even the Indians of the Occident could hardly hope to outdo that. The Companion reports, however, that the occasion "tended to firmly cement two neighbor Chapters in the bonds of close friendship and awakened local interest in Capitular Masonry."

Another visiting officer in his rounds discovered that "one Chapter had, from time immemorial, been in the habit of 'calling off,' from Convocation to Convocation, instead of closing." A display of economy, in time, that was promptly rebuked.

Thirty-three Companions at Wallingford petitioned for a charter. They will probably secure it next year.

There were no grievances, but the Committee on Delinquencies dealt with some half-dozen lazy Chapters which either shirked work or were tardy with their returns. In some cases a fine was imposed, and in others where reasonable excuse was submitted, a sentence of "not guilty but don't do it again" was pronounced. This Committee might be duplicated elsewhere with beneficial results.

An eighty-five page report on Correspondence is presented by M.E. Comp. Barlow, as usual, and is readable throughout. Noting Delaware's comment that the P.M. degree in connection with the Chapter was "like a cat in a strange garret," he says :

"We regret that it was ever placed as one of the Capitular degrees but doubt the expediency at this time of attempting to remove it, it confers no honors—that belongs to the degree of Actual Past Master."

To another reviewer who condemned levity, he remarked—

"There is no degree in Masonry that made a deeper impression upon the writer than that of Past Master, we well remember laboring zealously to settle what seemed a bitter quarrel."

How deep that impression was, of course, one cannot guess, but we can call to mind the sweet long ago when impressions were being made in that degree within our own vista. They were not what could be termed deep; nevertheless, they were painful and not infrequently demanded the covering grip of sticking plaster.

Under Canada for 1906 he quotes our remark that General Grand Chapter authorizes the communication of a missing degree to a visiting English Companion, free of charge, in order that he may enjoy Royal Arch privileges, and adds—

"That applies when he wishes to affiliate with the Chapter, not simply as a visitor."

Now, Companion Barlow is a veteran of the Guild, a Past Grand High Priest and for over a quarter of a century Connecticut's esteemed and beloved reviewer. How, with his comprehensive knowledge he came to make that statement one is at a loss to understand. It is possible, of course, that our interpretation of the General Grand's regulations may be faulty, and if so we humbly beg our good Companion to afford enlightenment. We will merely quote from the Digest of Decisions of that august body :—

"Chapters in this jurisdiction are authorized to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, on any worthy companion from without this jurisdiction, who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory evidence of having received that degree, to the end that he may be healed and thereby become a regular Royal Arch Mason, FREE OF CHARGE. For conferring said degrees, in such cases, Chapters shall be exempt from paying any dues."

"A resident of one jurisdiction, being a foreign companion not in possession of one of the American degrees, can be healed by a Chapter in another jurisdiction *in which he desires to visit.*"

"Healing a companion of a foreign jurisdiction to enable him to visit a Chapter, does not confer membership in a dependent Lodge, nor does it affiliate him with the Chapter." Pro. 1877, p. 17.

Companion Barlow quotes on the same subject the Illinois reviewer, for whose opinions he apparently entertains a respect, and from that quotation we extract the following pertinent remarks, which some less broad-minded of our trans-border critics would do well to ponder :

"The Grand High Priest (S. P. Goodsell) decided that an English R. A. M. who was not in possession of the Mark, Past and M. E. degrees could not be admitted as a visitor in any R. A. Chapter in Connecticut. Grand Chapter approved. This is in keeping with general American usage, but I don't think much of the usage. Either an English Companion is a Royal Arch Mason or he is not. If he is, then is he not entitled to the right of recognition and visitation? But, as I have shown, on several occasions, the American degrees known as Mark Master and R. A. M. bear but a slight resemblance to the English degrees of the same name. I do not for a moment dispute the right of any American Grand Chapter to deny admission to visitors from England, but, in common decency, such Grand Chapters should sever "fraternal" relations with the Grand Chapters of Great Britain. Americanism is a good thing in its way, but it can be overdone."

Geo. N. Delap, Hartford, Grand High Priest.

James McCormick, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

Delaware

Chapters . . 4.

Members . . 853.

The "blue hen's" growth is not rapid, but it is a healthy bird just the same. Thirteen were added to the membership during the year, a number, let us hope, ominous for good.

Wilmington was, of course, the selection for the Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation, on the 17th January, 1906, and as all the Grand officers hail from that centre of Delaware Masonry, they have no use for a mileage and per diem account.

Two excellent portraits embellish the neat little volume of proceedings, that of Grand Secretary Price and one of Harry W. Lowe, the present ruler of the Capitular Craft. The latter's predecessor, John Oliver, studied economy in the preparation of his address.

Indeed, if the record of deaths and appointments were omitted, half a page would have sufficed for the outcome of his thoughts. The Committee, to whom it was referred, reported that "they examined the paper carefully and can find nothing of great moment claiming attention." The M.E. Companion was nevertheless rewarded for his eminent services with a handsome jewel.

As was expected, the Committee to whom was referred the question of the P.M. degree, reported "that after careful consideration of the subject we are of the opinion that no change should be made in the Capitular system now in practice." And Delaware will continue to carry that "old man of the sea."

A veteran of the Craft was mourned in the passing of Past Grand Treasurer James Stuart Dobb, in the previous October.

Though he starts his report "alphabetically," M. E. Comp. V. V. Harrison, the genial reviewer, gives the premier place to Arkansas, a slip which doubtless will not be overlooked by the Alabama man. Canada comes after Connecticut, but "Barkis is willin'." His opinion of our methods and also of the correspondent is favorable. He has our sympathy in his lonely position on the P. M. degree—

"But grant me still a friend in my retreat,
Whom I may whisper—solitude is sweet."

Harry W. Lowe, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.

James H. Price, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

District of Columbia

Chapters . . 12.

Members . . 3,304.

Three special Convocations of Grand Chapter were summoned on July 23rd, 1905, and January 8th and February 1st, 1906, for the purpose of attending the funerals of Past Grand High Priests William G. Powers, Charles H. Smith, and Thomas F. Gibbs, respectively. Deceased Companions had all held important positions in the civil service, and were active in Craft circles.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation was held in Washington's Masonic Temple on the 14th February, 1906, with Grand High Priest Henry K. Simpson presiding. There was a large attendance, in the record of which we missed our own Joseph S. McCoy.

Dependent membership brings its own little troubles occasionally, as is illustrated in a case referred to by the Grand High Priest. A brother suspended for non-payment of dues in a lodge, it appears, can reinstate himself by paying up within twelve months. If he allows that period to lapse, he must make formal application for reinstatement and, subject to a ballot. A Companion who was in this predicament, but unaware of his position, had paid instalments of dues to his Chapter, and was carried on the roll for more than a year after he had been dropped by his lodge. When enlightened as to his status in the latter, he made application for reinstatement, but the ballot proved adverse. In other words, he was willing to pay, but his brethren decided to keep him out. By the law of the jurisdiction a Companion suspended in his lodge loses his rights and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason, and the question was asked whether, in view of the Companion's good intentions, the money he had paid into the Chapter while suspended in his lodge, should be returned to him.

The Grand High Priest ruled that "the Companion's status by the action of his lodge becomes that of an un-affiliated Master Mason, and does not affect his membership in the Chapter." His non-affiliation was not voluntary on his part, but was the action of his lodge, and this secured him from the provisions of the act.

The ruling was only just, but apparently the Grand High Priest is not anxious that his successors should be similarly cornered. It will be noted that the Chapter's ignorance of how matters were in the blue lodge was the salvation of the Companion. Had it transpired a year earlier that the lodge had "dropped him," his decapitation in the Chapter would have been prompt and no opportunity would have been afforded for the exercise of fraternal charity. The rejection by his lodge would

have meant the continued cold shoulder by his Chapter. An accident saved him and, the dependent membership law to the contrary, he continues a member of the Chapter while the door of his lodge is barred against him.

The Grand High Priest therefore remarks that the law is mandatory, but "Grand Chapter has no means of officially knowing when action by lodge affects the standing of a Companion," and offers the suggestion that Grand Lodge be requested by Grand Chapter to furnish to the subordinate Chapters "any official action in its constituent bodies that affects the status of membership of any Companion a member of any of our constituent Chapters."

Such a proposition only shows to what absurd lengths this peculiar law may lead. In the federal capital, and with a complacent Grand Secretary, such action might be possible, but apply it to a vast territory like the Empire State for instance, and where would the unfortunate official find himself? Simply giving his time and labor to attending to the needs of an organization, associated, but distinct, with a government and laws of its own, and which probably would resent any interference in its working from the body from which it sought such extraordinary favor.

The G.H.P. was of the opinion that the solution was easy and would not entail much additional labor on the Grand Secretary. The latter's opinion is yet to be heard.

A clause in the report of the Jurisprudence Committee, which received the endorsation of Grand Chapter is interesting as showing a tendency to elasticity:

"Although a Master Mason, while unaffiliated, cannot receive the Capitular degrees (Sec. 97, Grand Chapter Constitution), it does not follow that the simple fact of his becoming unaffiliated renders him at once ineligible to Chapter membership."

Companion A. W. Johnston prefaces his most entertaining report on Correspondence with an expression of regret that the labors of the reviewer do not receive the attention they deserve.

"We are not moaning a solo—many other reviewers similarly give voice to their grief, while the others merely suffer in silence. Perhaps it is true that reports on foreign correspondence do not appeal to more readers on account of the somber title under which they are printed, conveying little idea of what is contained in them. If somebody would break the spell and head his report "Cheerful Criticisms of Capitular Convocations," or "The Way the Other Fellows Do It," or "Ceremonies and Customs of Capitular Contemporaries," or something less dismal than "Report on Foreign Correspondence," Companions might be induced to at least read a report on trial, and then if we could not hold their interest we would not deserve their attention."

He, as usual, favors Canada with a more than ordinary share of his pleasant attention, and pays his respects to the writer at some length because of our application of the term "blue label" to the compulsory membership legislation of which he is an advocate. He adduces from this that we are antagonistic to trade organizations as such, but the presumption is altogether erroneous. As well might he infer that we were opposed to his Grand Chapter because objection is offered to a certain phase of its regulations. Like him, we have never been directly interested in any such organization, but from the standpoint of a close observer have realized the truth that weapons fashioned for protection have too frequently been utilized for ignoble purposes.

We are quite agreed as to the conditions governing the operatives of past ages from whom we claim lineal descent, but disagree with the statement that they were "ancient *Free* Masons." The Masons of old were united for trade purposes, and possibly, as Companion Johnston suggests, were for that reason objectionable to certain persons, and it is just there where he makes the point for our contention. The leaven of liberty introduced some two hundred years ago by the admission of a few who were not operative Masons, in the course of time leavened the whole, and a new guild from which all objectionable features were eliminated, blossomed out of the old, and the world gazed upon a fraternity calling themselves Masons, but with the prefix "Free," that grew and flourished and was commended and patronized by the great and noble for the principles of freedom and truth which it inculcated and practised.

Companion Johnston dubs our opposition to coercion a "heresy" of our own. Well, we are glad to own to it in a measure, but it is a heresy as old as the Craft itself in its speculative garb, a heresy that is embodied in its fundamental principles, principles conserved and guarded by our fathers, but which are now imperilled by new world innovations such as that in question, and for which we confess a decided aversion. It is an Americanism pure and simple, applicable, it may be, to ambitious societies of recent vintage, but should have no place or countenance in the Ancient Craft universal. Our good Companion will probably demur at the hint that American Masonry is apart from the universal, but this and many other features incidental to the system go to strengthen such an idea. He professes to admire freedom, but it is of that variety that possesses a string attachment. To the Michigan man he says, "Why not make Freemasonry as free as possible without violating recognized Masonic usage?" which is much like the exercise permitted to the captive in fetters. Well, we will agree to disagree on this point, and probably think none the less of one another. Let us quote him once more. To the Maryland Companion he concludes a few remarks on the subject as follows :

"In advocating dependent membership we have ever had the interest of the Chapter in mind, not believing in the desirability of retaining members who disregard obligations as sacred as Lodge dues."

And all the "interest," or sentiment, if you like, is contained in the last half-dozen words.

The report throughout is bright and captivating, and instructive withal. He advocates the spicy report, and acts up to his convictions.

"Companion Sobersides will find in the vivacious report the solid facts that he is looking for, and Companion Merryman will be induced to imbibe information in his search for amusement. It will not do to take the world too seriously—not even the Caputular world. 'Man, being a reasoning creature, must get'—not drunk, as in the original quotation, but recreation, amusement, even fun, out of his reading, and if with it something in the way of instruction, good has been accomplished. It is better to read of the woes of the milliner's apprentice and the

jokes of last year's almanac than not to read at all. So we believe that these reports should be made as instructive as they can be without being dull, and as lively as they can be without missing the main feature of furnishing information."

We would like to give our readers some more of Companion Johnston, but in blowing our own trumpet we have overstepped the limit. Their's is the loss.

Charles Becker, Washington, Grand High Priest.

Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, Grand Secretary.

Florida

Chapters . . 28.

Members . . 1,371.

Olin S. Wright, M.E. Grand High Priest, whose portrait in martial garb is given with the volume of proceedings, welcomed the Companions to the Sixtieth Annual Convocation at Jacksonville on the 8th May, 1906. and with "truth" as his text confessed that he started out with a firm resolve to do his whole duty with fervency and zeal, but fell by the way. The spirit was willing, but he found that the flesh was weak.

The death of Past Grand High Priest Angus Paterson occasioned an expression of sorrow. "A man of sterling integrity—his happiest moments were while performing some Masonic duty."

Ocala Chapter, for some time dormant, was revived on petition, and operated on twenty-two candidates at the initial meeting.

"During that day and the following morning the Royal Arch Chapter was opened and closed seven times, and a team received the Royal Arch degree each time."

Strenuous, indeed. Why it was necessary to open and close the Chapter for each team does not appeal to us. The Chapter, it appears, must have gone down on a former occasion under a cloud.

"I sincerely hope we will have no further cause for complaint there. I cautioned them particularly in regard to any violation of the constitution, edicts or regulations of either the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, or of this Grand Chapter, and that they have no right to reduce the fees below twenty dollars under any circumstances."

Again we confess surprise. What have the General Grand's regulations to do with a constituent of the Grand Chapter of Florida ?

The report of a visiting officer offers a still further opportunity for wonderment. Of one Chapter he remarks—

"The ritual in this Chapter is used, but not to any great extent, and then only by the new officers."

Another he commends in these words :

"With reference to the work, there is not a ritual to be seen during the working hours."

One of the Chapters was evidently in a bad way, and apparently very tired.

"Too few members now here to ever get a quorum. Have not held meetings for two years. Can not get a meeting to waive jurisdiction over those wanting to take the degrees, that they may get them elsewhere. Cannot hold meeting to surrender our charter."

"If Grand Chapter this next May will kindly take up our charter, it will be a relief to us, and of benefit to the cause of higher Masonry."

The Grand High Priest was of the opinion that they should be accommodated.

Dispensations for two new Chapters at Titusville and Fort Pierce were issued by him, and with a little educating influence promise to do well. He recommended the issuing of a dimit to a Companion who had applied for the same in 1860. He was free of the books and no charges pending against him.

Companions who make similar application, and are not accommodated for, say, six months, shouldn't grumble.

Two hundred and fifty dollars were appropriated to the Masonic Home.

A demand for more pay on account of per diem and mileage came in the form of a resolution. It was successful, of course.

A Companion suspended for non-payment of dues sent the amount owing, but the Chapter rejected his application for renewal of membership. Inasmuch as the Constitution provided that "a member can be restored only by the action of the Chapter," the Grand High Priest ruled that the Companion was in the position of one unaffiliated, and could apply elsewhere. The Jurisprudence Committee, however, discovered a conflicting clause and recommended the expunging of the above words. This was agreed to, and the rejected one goes back to his Chapter.

Here is another dependent membership feature that may develop with perhaps awkward results, especially in the case of jurisdictions with a depleted treasury.

"At the request of the High Priest of Putnam Chapter No. 9, a warrant for \$28.00 was authorized drawn in favor of that Chapter, to reimburse it for amounts overpaid to the Grand Chapter, on account of members who had been suspended in the Lodge prior to 1905."

The busy Grand Secretary did not furnish a Correspondence report.

Joseph R. Keller, Pensacola, Grand High Priest.

Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

Georgia

Chapters .. 129.

Members .. 5,309.

In the city of Macon, on the 25th April last, and at ten o'clock in the morning, "The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Georgia met in the Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation." John C. Joiner, M.E. Grand High Priest, informed his Companions that "the hand upon the clock of eternity records the passing of another year," the clock that never "stops short." To illustrate the power of kindness he told a pretty story of a village besieged by a powerful army. The latter became hungry and thirsty, and the villagers sent out their little children with refreshments, whereupon the powerful army subsided into the distance

—conquered. It doubtless held his large audience spell-bound. The other phase of it perhaps struck them later.

He instituted a new Chapter in the town of Flippen, and issued other dispensations to the extent of nearly four pages. He ordered the arrest of two charters for delinquency, and having done all these things, and more, he sounded the following concluding blast :

“Surely, the heart of every true Companion must swell with pride because of the prosperity and promise of Capitular Masonry. It is advancing with the tread of a mighty army. It rises into majestic view, like the waving plumes of green of a great forest. It moves as resistless as the waves of the ocean, crested as with diamond caps. It charms like an *oratio* and swells like the heavenly harmonies. It inspires like a call upon the bugle of St. Michael, and leads like a vision of St. George. It is at once the gentlest and most hidden force in the world of morals. Yet it is as all-pervading as air and as resistless as the hand of the storm. It has seized upon modern thought and bound it to service. It moves its sceptre and monarchs kneel.”

As a nerve vibrator Georgia need not take a back seat from any artist in expression. No wonder the Committee was moved to admiration, charmed by the ‘*oratio*’—

“His heart was consecrated to the work, and was fully alive to all the responsibilities assumed by him when he took upon himself the vow of office. Under his administration Capitular Masonry in Georgia has flourished like a green bay tree.”

Among the departed of the year were Past Grand High Priest J. W. Oslin and Grand Chaplain J. J. Hyman. Their virtues were enshrined in eloquent tributes by a sympathetic Committee.

The Committee on Charters “recommend that the application from Canton, for charter, be not granted, from the fact that they wish to confer the degrees for less than the constitutional fee.” Rather an unusual freak for an infant organization.

Two hundred dollars were voted to the San Francisco relief Fund.

Under the recommendations of the Committee on Finance is noted :

"That the sum of \$9.00 be paid Mrs. Craig for services as stenographer during the present session of the Grand Chapter."

One is led to enquire where the lady's position in the Chapter-room was fixed?

An oil portrait of the late P.G.H.P. William A. Graham was presented in touching and affectionate words by P.G.H.P. Robert L. Colding.

It was decided to invite the General Grand to hold its next triennial at Savannah.

Companion Charles R. Russell, member of Darley Chapter, of Columbus, presented Grand Chapter with "a gavel made from the Sacred Masonic Tree, which was taken from its native soil on Mt. Hermon and transplanted in the Botanical Gardens at Washington, D.C., by the late President Garfield." The appropriate gift was appropriately acknowledged.

The excellent report on Correspondence is again by Companion A. M. Lambdin. Canada's unfailing representative in Georgia, and he does not fail to give her a just meed of his careful attention. He is wedded to the dependent membership doctrine, and furnishes in support a rather inapt illustration :

"The picture that comes to our mind when *we* consider dependent membership, is that of a son who has grown to man's estate and left the presence and fostering care of the mother whose tender ministrations and loving guidance fitted him for a higher career. If the allurements of the great world so blind him that claims the of the old home begin to fade into oblivion, is it her duty to let him go free of all demands, or shall she hold him to the responsibilities and ties which are none the less binding, because for the time other things threaten to obliterate them."

Companion Lambdin, like others, is apparently of the opinion that our objection to the doctrine is to be construed into advocacy of the brother who voluntarily leaves his blue lodge and retains membership in the

bodies to which he could not have attained if he had not the qualification secured to him by the lodge. That is not so. We are as emphatic in our deprecation of such conduct as he can be. What we do urge is, that legislating to retain him by compulsion is opposed to true Masonic principle and that the liberty which we preach at his entrance we should be consistent enough to maintain.

The touching picture of our Companion reproduced above, we fear, will hardly do duty as an example. The son "who has grown to man's estate" is nowadays seldom to be found hanging to the maternal apron strings. One of "the allurements of the great world," which is now and has existed since Adam was a boy, is love. That, in the case of a son grown to man's estate, invariably means a wife. If he is a son of the kind that good mothers take pride in, he will obey the Scriptural injunction—"For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife." Nor can the loving old lady "hold him to the responsibilities and ties" of the homestead, though there must ever be a corner in his heart for the dear one who guided his infant footsteps and taught him to lisp his childhood's prayer.

Georgia's territory embraces some six or seven Masonic districts, to each of which a lecturer is assigned. Whether Companion Lambdin disapproves of the position or has a painful recollection of one who held it, is hard to determine. Reviewing New York, he says :

"The Grand Lecturer was providentially prevented from making the number of visits that he intended."

But it is safe to say that the good Companion can explain away that *lapsus*. His report, though not lengthy, is comprehensive and entertaining, and we are proud of him.

J. L. Gable, Brook's Station, Grand High Priest.

W. A. Wolihin, Macon, Grand Secretary.

Indiana

Chapters . . . 111

Members . . . 11,138

Grand Chapter assembled in its Sixty-first Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, in the City of Indianapolis, on Wednesday, 17th October, 1906.

The representatives of one hundred and five of the one hundred and eleven chartered Chapters were present, and among the Grand Representatives, Canada's, Thomas R. Marshall, was as usual, on hand.

Past Grand High Priest Benjamin F. Dawson died at his home in Angola, March 16, 1906, and Grand High Priest Charles Balch made suitable reference to the sad event.

Three Chapters were constituted by proxy, and French Lick Chapter, U. D., was added to the roll.

A Companion complained that the High Priest of his Chapter ignored his objection to a Companion (employed to take part in the rendition of the work) sitting as a visitor in the Chapter. After due inquiry into the matter and from the evidence obtained, the G. H. P. decided that the High Priest did not violate the section of the General Regulations on which the Companion based his complaint.

The total amount contributed by the Masonic bodies of Indiana to the relief of suffering and distress in California was the handsome sum of \$5,719.50.

The Grand Secretary's report was interesting. He stated that the work of the year was greater than any in the history of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, being a net increase of one thousand and ninety-eight Royal Arch Masons added to the already splendid roll of membership.

The Deputy Grand High Priest made a verbal report as to the efforts on the part of himself and his confreres to secure the next Triennial of the General Grand Chapter for Indiana, but that they were unsuccessful. That august body decided to hold its next pow-wow at Savannah, Georgia.

M. E. Companion S. S. Johnson is the author of the report on correspondence and includes a critical, yet kindly review of Canada for 1906.

Philemon H. Clugston, Columbia City, Grand High Priest.

Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

Indian Territory

Chapters . . 51. Members . . 2,100.

The volume recording the proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Convocation, held at Ada on the 17th April, 1906, is the production of an Atoka printer, and does him credit. Grand Secretary Murrow had a peck of trouble with the Muskogee artist in the previous year, who turned out an atrocious specimen of the compositor's skill, but it is explained that the "strike" epidemic had afflicted the young town and left its mark.

Grand High Priest E. Hamilton read his annual address, which was, on the whole, interesting.

"Ada is our meeting place—the very conception of the new age; the exemplification of the ideal for which that grand old woman, now dead, labored so long and zealously—Ada, not named after some mere man, or some Indian dead and gone, but named after the new girl still living and breathing faith, affection, hope and encouragement. Ada and Violet and Maud, Alma and Velma and Hope and Maryetta—names of our girls and also of the vigorous, lively, progressive towns of the Indian Territory, sprung into existence in the last year or two."

What a country it is, to be sure. Little wonder that it grows. The mere man seems to have his head set in the right direction.

"Earth filled with men were still a solitude;
In vain the stars would shine, 'twere dark the while
Without the light of her superior smile."

The Grand High Priest is not satisfied with the General Grand's ritual, and thinks they should have the native article—

"And it should be published in such a way that a man does not have to stand on his head to read it. The Companions can hardly be blamed for passing by the ritual of the General Grand Chapter and using unauthorized work, for a perusal, or an attempted perusal, of the former should be preceded by a season of mental gymnastics and fervent prayer."

He remarked that the resolution of last year requiring the Grand Lecturer to visit every Chapter in the jurisdiction at the expense of the subordinate Chapter, has proved both unpopular and unsatisfactory, and he suggested the division of the territory into districts.

He expressed sorrow for the death of Past Grand High Priest Jonas A. Lee, and made an appeal on behalf of the widow.

Two new Chapters were instituted by his dispensation. With one of them he stayed three days. The Grand Lecturer did the work of the other.

He issued a number of decisions, most of them of the familiar type, and counselled the arrest of a charter in the custody of Companions painfully negligent, and to the tender mercies of Grand Chapter he consigned the High Priest and Secretary.

One of the Chapters some time ago, "in a spurt of generosity, and with few members present, and without notice, a bare quorum of the Companions, transferred all the right, title and interest of the Chapter to a building in which it had a half-interest, to the blue lodge of that place, and at the same time turned over to the same blue lodge all its funds."

The Grand High Priest was complained to. He decided the action of the Chapter to be void, and directed that a convocation be called, the transfer set aside and some arrangement made by which, though the blue lodge should control the lodge room, yet the property be managed without losing sight of the Chapter's interest in the matter. The Chapter complied, but the blue lodge refused to take any action, saying that the G.H.P. had no authority in the matter.

He then appealed to the Grand Lodge ruler, who courteously replied that he could not find any law justifying his interference. All the correspondence was brought to the notice of Grand Chapter and the Jurisprudence Committee sent the whole thing back to the Chapter which originated the difficulty.

Grand Secretary Murrow's report indicated progress and a substantial balance.

"What a fortunate thing it was that the Royal Arch Masons of Indian and Oklahoma Territories had sense and grace enough not to divide their forces and thus to have a little weakly organization in each Territory. We do not have to consolidate. We are now, ever have been and ever shall be one and indivisible. So mote it be."

Indian Territory Masons are trying to raise \$50,000 for the Orphan's Home Fund. "At this meeting, just as soon as the report of the Grand Treasurer was read and disposed of, the old Grand Secretary was on his feet with a motion to appropriate one thousand dollars to the effort the Masons in Oklahoma are making to raise a like sum of \$50,000 for their Orphan's Home Fund. This motion was adopted unanimously with cheers by a standing vote."

The issuance of an edict to the Chapters protesting against "cruelty to the candidate" was discussed by several Companions, "all of whom testified to the almost brutal manner in which they had witnessed the degrees conferred in several Chapters." The edict was unanimously adopted.

The veteran Grand Secretary compiled the Correspondence report, and very good reading it is. It included Canada for 1906, and he is complimentary when referring to our methods.

"In Canada each candidate is presented with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws. This is a most excellent plan which we would like to see universally adopted, in all branches of Masonry."

To our remarks touching the absurdity of the P.M. degree in the Capitular system, he says :

"Pshaw ! Companion, the old wart does no special harm; it is just ugly, and one may as well "laugh and grow fat" over a wart as any thing else. It is an old relic of southern hoodoo, that to pluck a hair from a grey horse's tail and tie it around a wart will cause it to disappear. The General Grand has tied the hair around this ugly P. M. wart, and, as you predict, it is a "goner."

To the Massachusetts reporter he suggests that the term "Knights Templars" is incorrect, and that "Knights Templar" is the true plural form. We greatly fear that the authorities will be all against the Indian Territory philologist, and without having to cross the Atlantic to look them up either. American lexicographers and Masonic writers are generally agreed as to the quality of the word "Templar" in grammar and recognize it as a substantive. Dr. Albert G. Mackey attributes the introduction of the defective plural to the Grand Encampment when in 1871 a Committee, to which the question was referred, timorously reported its lack of authority to determine matters of "historic truth, literary usage and the philology and grammar of the English language." Mackey roundly rebukes the action of that Committee.

"It should have investigated the subject, which to scholars is of more importance than they seemed to consider it; they should have defended the Grand Encampment in the use of the term, or have recommended its abandonment. Moreover the Grand Recorder reports that on examination he finds that the title *Knights Templars* was always used until 1856, when it was changed to *Knights Templar*; and the committee should have enquired by whose authority the change was made. But having failed to grapple with the question of good English, the Craft afterwards took the subject up, and a long discussion ensued in the different Masonic journals, resulting at last in the expression, by the best scholars of the Order, of the opinion that *Knights Templars* was correct, because it was in accordance with the rules of good English, and in unexceptional agreement with the usage of all literary men who have written on the subject."

Dr. Mackey has much more to say on the subject, which to those interested must go far to convince. Personally, we have no desire for any controversy, but would just say that the title, "Knights Templar," if compelled to use it in reading, has always left a "dark-brown taste" behind. Mackey's assertion that it is

but another great American invention proved a kind of antidote, for we confess to an admiration for the work of that erudite Mason, one of the few among the "wise men" who when an error was brought home to him, owned up like a man.

Companion Murrow, whom, we pray, may long be spared to labor for his Companions in the land he has seen grow to such proportions, concludes as follows :

"The Scottish Rite is the rage in the Indian Territory now, but the York Rite will return to its long established position."

"The Triennial Convocation meets at the "Hub" this year, among the Yankees. The last Triennial was in Dixie. I was there. I cannot go this year, but I wish that I could. I like the Yankees—they licked us some years ago when I was a younger man—but I like them, especially one woman. She is the best woman in the world.—I wouldn't swap her for all the other Yankee women into one big woman."

Wm. H. Essex, McAlester, Grand High Priest.

Joseph S. Murrow, Atoka, Grand Secretary.

Illinois

Chapters . . 190. Members . . 23,032.

At the Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation, in the Masonic Temple, Chicago, on Thursday, the 26th October, 1905, the "Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America," Joseph E. Dyas, was received as a distinguished guest, though, like the poor, he is always with them. There was an introductory speech, a speech from the throne, and a reply, all ornate and witty, at least the wit was to be found in the praiseworthy brevity of the latter.

A most excellent ruler was Leroy A. Goddard, who held the gavel for the year. To him the Royal Craft was no half-way house, no mere stepping stone to something else.

"If you believe this you are not getting any part of the real value of Royal Arch Masonry. Attend the meetings, 'apply thy heart to understanding,' and you will find that it lives and has its being because of what it is in itself."

In the death roll were included the names of Past Grand High Priest William Lindsay Orr, and Grand Steward Archibald McLellan.

"Companion McLellan was born in the city of Toronto, Canada. At an early period in his life he came to the United States and settled at Louisville, Ky., afterwards removing to Chicago. Companion McLellan has held important positions in the Grand Chapter and in other Grand Bodies. In all these he has ever been true to his trust. In the time of his adopted country's peril he promptly answered the call to arms. He served as First Lieutenant of Co. B, Second Kentucky Infantry and as First Lieutenant and Adjutant of the Twenty-ninth Kentucky Infantry. Here he was a brave soldier, and, as elsewhere in life, faithful to his duties and obligations."

The Grand High Priest issued the usual circular assigning a Grand officer to each of the nine districts of the jurisdiction. He followed this up by corresponding with each deputy in charge, giving such information of Chapters in his district as had shown defects in their reports. "The opportune time for most effective work toward helping Chapters in curing defects and correcting errors is immediately after elections are held, while the feeling of enthusiasm and good resolutions that new officers usually start out with are fresh."

"I cannot refrain from expressing serious objections to the custom practiced by some of our Chapters in the introduction of electric mats and other like novelties entirely foreign to anything contemplated in the ritual."

Fancy such 'digressions' in a jurisdiction possessing so much concentrated wisdom. But the tale is not yet told.

"I desire also to register emphatic disapproval of a tendency that seems to be growing, indeed an innovation, in introducing vaudeville as a part of the Sublime Degree of the Holy Royal Arch."

"An unchecked continuance of this practice may lead to rivalry among these Chapters, not as to which 'best can work and best agree,' but which can present the best drawing card in the nature of a variety show."

Now, in the name of the great "Obiter Dicta," where is this thing to stop? He made a still further discovery which reveals another phase of character in the versatile Chapter officer :

"Diverging somewhat, I believe this Grand Chapter does not sanction the idea of Chapters rewarding retiring High Priests by cash presentations, and may find it advisable to record its disapproval by proper prohibitive legislation."

Life membership found in him a strong opponent, and he saw in it an enemy to dependence.

"I suggest that this Grand Chapter prohibit the system by subordinate Chapters, or enact some measure requiring that there be inserted in life membership certificates a stipulation, "Not valid when not in good standing in Ancient Craft Masonry."

He recommended an addition of six hundred dollars to the salary of the Grand Secretary, which Grand Chapter endorsed later.

The Grievance Committee had two cases before it in, each of which the accused Companion came out on top.

The retiring Grand High Priest was deservedly decorated, Companion Rev. Fred Thomson conveying the sentiments of Grand Chapter in a neat presentation speech.

The cream of the volume is Past Grand High Priest Warvelle's review of sister Grand Chapters, and subsequent "digressions," especially the latter. Under Canada he says :

"The title page of the pamphlet under review bears a line that was once very familiar : " Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved." Old Masons in almost every state will recognize this line as an invariable mandate some thirty or forty years ago. But the books were not read, and, in many cases, were not preserved, and so, the line came to be deleted after a time and now-a-days it is seldom seen. However, let us hope that in Canada it carries more force than it did with us."

Alas, the injunction is " more honored in the breach than the observance." Among his "digressions" is a notice of Quebec's illustration of a Chapter room prepared for an exaltation ceremony, and in which he finds support for his contention touching the triangle.

" If the learned Craftsmen who never heard of such a thing in the Royal Arch Chapter will kindly gaze on the picture in question, they will discover something to their

advantage. The Grand Chapter of Canada has also published a Tracing Board of the Royal Arch Degree a copy of which is now before me, on which I find delineated the same thing. I presume those interested might be able to obtain a copy by addressing Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Grand Scribe E., at Toronto, Ontario. In England the triangle has been displayed on the book from time immemorial, and such is the present usage. The circumstance may not be without interest to those who are now actively engaged in an effort to Anglicize the American ritual."

Interest must have waned, or else the generous free ad. did not come under the eye of "those interested."

Companion Warvelle's comments and "digressions" are delightful reading. He hits out without winking, and criticizes with a directness intensely refreshing. Take this as a sample :

"In the pious hortatorical introductions with which many Grand High Priests consider it necessary to preface their annual addresses, we may also observe a most flippant use of the term "I AM." Indeed, the way these words are sometimes employed by the aforesaid priests is enough to shock the moral sense of a dray-horse, and as we read their productions the feeling is irresistible that the Rev. Mr. Chadband must have a number of descendants in this country. The traditions of Royal Arch Masonry teach us that this is the ineffable Name; that is, the Name that may not be spoken, and, while the traditions may not exert much force at the present time, the idea that the words are of special sanctity is not yet wholly obsolete."

Geo. F. Henthorne, Peoria, Grand High Priest.

Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, Grand Secretary.

Iowa

Chapters .. 127.

Members .. 9,658.

Iowa City's mayor and citizens welcomed the representatives to the Fifty-second Annual Convocation on September 28th, 1905. An invitation to the State institutions was tendered by Prof. Geo. E. McLain, and a double quartette rendered several selections.

At the conclusion of the public exercises, Grand High Priest A. S. Lawrence invited all, not members of the

Order, to retire, and he proceeded to address the Companions, congratulating them upon the evidences of progress on every hand.

"We renew our allegiance and support to the bright banner floating over us, resplendent with the beautiful colors which are also symbolic emblems of our beloved craft, and as it floats from tower and mast-head carries with it the force and truthfulness of the lesson "that righteousness exalteth a nation."

"A leader, a wise counsellor, and faithful friend of the Grand Chapter of Iowa" was removed when Past Grand High Priest A. R. Dewey passed behind the veils in the early morning hours of Saturday, April 15th, 1905.

The G.H.P. authorized the formation of a new Chapter at Milton, and suggested that some closer attention be paid to the inactive ones already on the roll.

"We are aware of the fact that it is much more pleasant to listen to a review of the uninterrupted progress and continued prosperity of the craft than to have our attention called to the weak spots and broken places in our columns, yet I believe it to be wise policy to give greater attention to the weaker portion of the line if we expect to attain success in the campaign."

Directing attention to the fact that the total of unpaid dues in the Chapters amounted to \$8,137, he said :

"This method of financiering cannot be too severely criticised. I feel assured that much of it arises from the mistaken idea that we should not be persistent in asking the Companions to pay their dues. That we should permit them to suit their own convenience. No more disastrous policy could be pursued. The surest way of causing a Companion to drop his membership is to allow his dues to accumulate. "

Subscribing to the doctrine of dependent membership, he said : "The whole question, to my mind, resolves itself into a question of finance." And there he hit the nail on the head with a directness that permits of no share being paid to poor sentiment.

Grand Secretary Wingate's report exhibited a gratifying condition of affairs, health and wealth being the distinguishing features.

The Jurisprudence Committee presented a report which was adopted recommending amendments to the Constitution, providing for dependent membership.

The retiring Grand High Priest was presented with a commemorative jewel.

Companion W. F. Cleveland's fourth review of the sister Grand Chapters does him credit. Of Canada's condition in 1905, he says :

"A splendid showing, the result of the untiring energy and Masonic zeal evinced by the Grand Z. during his entire term of office. We, of the States, must bestir ourselves or the Grand Chapter of Canada will outstrip many of us in material growth and prosperity."

Closing his most interesting report he says :

"From a careful review of the Capitular field we are led to believe that the steady increase in membership is a healthy growth, made up of the best material that the country affords, that a high moral standard is being maintained, and that its continued growth in membership under these conditions should prove an element of strength rather than of weakness."

So mote it be.

A. V. Storm, Cherokee, Grand High Priest.

Alf. Wingate, Des Moines, Grand Secretary.

Kansas

Chapters . . 84.

Members . . 6,721.

A net gain of 478 was the cheering announcement to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, which convened its Forty-first Annual Convocation at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Topeka, on Monday, February 19th, 1906.

Thomas Leonidas Bond, M.E. Grand High Priest, expressed regret that circumstances beyond his control prevented him from accepting many of the courteous invitations which were extended during the year. He was, however, glad to be able to make report that he was not prevented from attending "a most illustrious and distinguished convocation of Topeka Chapter on January 23rd, 1905. The degree of Most Excellent Master was conferred upon a class of 121 candidates, and the previous record of Royal Arch Masonry was thereby surpassed."

He recommended that the Committee on Jurisprudence be instructed to prepare a standing regulation providing an adequate penalty for the offence of conferring more than two degrees on the same day.

The "pilgrimage" fad has invaded the sanctuary. The G.H.P. announced that several of the Chapters during the year applied for and received dispensation to make "pilgrimages" and confer degrees at places other than those in which their Chapters were located.

His attention was directed to a lack of uniformity among subordinate Chapters, some wearing the apron of a Master Mason in conferring all degrees except the degree of Royal Arch Mason, others wearing the apron of a Royal Arch Mason in conferring all degrees. He asked that some positive rule be established for the government of the Chapters.

Grand Secretary Shaver made an exhaustive report, in which the present condition of Grand Chapter is amply set forth.

Past Grand High Priest George Stewart Green passed to his reward in the previous May, and his virtues received fitting tribute.

Grand Secretary Shaver's report on Correspondence is a careful review of forty-seven Grand Chapters, and included Canada for 1905.

Edward W. Waynant, Leavenworth, Grand High Priest.

Wm. M. Shaver, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

Kentucky

Chapters .. 91.

Members .. 5,581.

The fine open countenance of Joe H. Ewalt, M.E., Grand High Priest for the year, looks out from the pages of the "proceedings" of 1905. On the 17th of October of that year of grace the Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation was called to order in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, and Grand Chapter opened in Ample form "on the Royal Arch Degree."

The G. H. P. prefaced his address with an expression of regret for the death of Past Grand High Priest William Ryan, "a kind-hearted and courteous Companion, an able ritualist and a Christian gentleman."

He had two cases of invasion of jurisdiction to worry him and applications for dispensations to ballot out of time were numerous. Four new Chapters were instituted and two were restored.

The too generous use of the ritual he strongly deprecated.

"Chapters and individuals are continually asking for copies, and recent inspections show that the rituals are actually used in conferring degrees."

"A rigid rule is the only salvation, and if chapters would avoid the penalty they should obey the law. It is laxity in conforming to law that plays havoc with chapters, communities and states."

He was a good visitor and observant withal. He urged that the High Priest should encourage his officers to learn the work and do it under his supervision.

"A Companion who continues in the Chair for half a dozen years because there are none qualified to do the work is a very poor officer, in my opinion."

He resurrected the report of some inspecting officers in 1896, which, he says, Grand Chapter took no notice of. He reproduces the document which contains many interesting observations elicited by what they witnessed in the Chapters visited. We subjoin a few for information.

"Officers and Companions should keep in their places during the work. Moving about, "funny things," whispering, etc., are reprehensible. If a presiding officer can not maintain order, he should vacate the chair."

"Blowing of horns, except by the Herald, or to fairly represent signals for troops in assault, etc. (that is for realistic effect), is wholly out of place, and is very objectionable. So are "hurrahs," pulling, violent running, or noises having no realistic meaning appropriate to the occasion."

"The Chapter ought to be habitually guarded, or "tyled," by the "Sentinel" on the outside. No one should be permitted to enter or depart except by permission, appropriately asked for."

"The Guard at the apartments of the Senior Warden, ought to stand at "attention" with sword at a "carry" as a guard. There is no reason for any attempt to hide his identity or his weapon."

"The "battery" is clearly indicated in the ritual, every concussion and grouping has distinct significance."

"The name of the artificer, to whom was confided the art work of the Tabernacle, is pronounced "Be-zal-e-el," accenting the second syllable and giving the "a" the short sound (as in fat.)"

"To carry the jewels of presiding Masters on a shovel is absurd. It becomes doubly so when the shovel is supported by a pick and crow."

"The lion is a symbol of courage, not of strength."

He would have a new baptismal ceremony for the 'Foreign Correspondence report,' and recommended that one Companion be selected to review the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, in lieu of three, to be known as "Reporter of the Doings of other Grand Chapters," as he is in no sense a correspondent, nor is it a report on correspondence, but on doings or actions. The recommendation lies over for a year.

"On every thorn delightful wisdom grows;
In every rill a sweet instruction flows."

The report of the Committee on "Fraternal Correspondence" is by Companion W. W. Clarke who, among others, had Canada for 1905 under review. He did not agree with the Grand Z's. decision with regard to an applicant who had a mutilated right hand.

"Had the application been for the Entered Apprentice degree, we think it would have been beyond question; but should the same stringent rule apply when the petitioner is a Master Mason seeking exaltation to the consummation of that degree?"

He is a seeker after knowledge, and appeals to us for enlightenment as to "Scribe E." and "Scribe N." The Scribes represent Ezra and Nehemiah, "the expounders of the sacred law and attendants on the Sanhedrin." Ezra, the Priest, who came up to Jerusalem with Zerubbabel is described by Artaxerxes as "A Scribe of the law of the God of Heaven."

"And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest, the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people. This day is holy unto the Lord your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law." Nehemiah 8 : 9.

Albert A. Hazlerigg, Mt. Sterling, Grand High Priest.

H. B. Grant, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

Louisiana

Chapters 26.

Members .. 2,046.

In the Masonic Temple, New Orleans, on February 6th, 1906, the Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation "was called to order." George W. Booth, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding.

"While there has been no "boom" in Capitular Masonry in Louisiana during my incumbency of the office of Grand High Priest, there has been a healthy steady and encouraging growth. The report of the Grand Secretary will give the increase in figures. I am satisfied that the increase, satisfactory as it is, would have been much larger had it not been for the visitation of fever from which this Grand jurisdiction suffered during the past summer."

He said a little more but not much. The several committees were without work, officers were elected and Grand Chapter called off until the following day.

The Finance Committee next morning approved a recommendation to increase the Grand Secretary's salary. Nice things were said of the departed by those appointed to prepare obituaries and the Grand Secretary reported that for lack of funds he was unable to procure jewels for past rulers authorized by resolution. One of these veterans offered an amendment which found favor in the sight of Grand Chapter.

"That the resolution heretofore adopted, instructing the Grand Secretary to procure jewels for presentation to the Past Grand High Priests of the Jurisdiction be and is hereby amended so as to confine the gift to those who have continued to evince their interest in Capitular Masonry by attendance upon its convocations for the past five years."

The representatives of sister Grand Chapters were introduced, welcomed, received with the "Private Grand Honors" and escorted to seats in the Grand East, and the Grand High Priest was empowered to appoint a Grand Lecturer, at a salary of \$300.00 per annum.

Grand Chaplain Duncan is again the reviewer, and as usual presents a concise, able and pleasant report. He devotes a couple of pages to Canada for 1905, freely quoting the Grand Z., and makes confession touching a little misunderstanding as to our M. E. M. degree and its restoration to entirety.

"In our previous reports we wrote as the record seemed to us to imply. It appears from the above that the impression we gathered was inaccurate and wrong. We desire, therefore, to avail ourselves of this opportunity to retract, and withdraw all and everything said or done while laboring under the erroneous impression. We thought we were right and that our deductions were logical. But our premise being shown to be wrong, all of our conclusions must of necessity have been wrong also.

We would go a step further, and extend our public thanks to Comp. Bennett for setting us right."

Robert R. Reid, Amite, Grand High Priest.

Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

Maine

Chapters . . 59.

Members . . 8,327.

A net gain of 306 was Maine's record for 1905, and at the Eighty-first Annual Convocation at Portland on May 1, 1906, Companion W. M. Howe, M. E. Grand High Priest, announced "a quiet but most prosperous" year.

On September 4, the business and Masonic circles of the State were pained and shocked by the startling news that the Turner Woollen Mill was destroyed by fire, and that R. E. Frances T. Faulkner, in a vain attempt to stop the conflagration, had lost his life. Deceased was Grand King in 1877-8.

While a large number of requests for dispensations to receive and ballot upon petitions in less than the time

required by the Constitution were received, in one instance only was permission granted. "It seems to be the regular thing in some Chapters as soon as a petition is received, to rush a letter to the Grand High Priest for a dispensation to railroad the candidate through as quickly as possible regardless of the consequences. The regulation excuse being that the candidate is about to leave the State."

The suggestions made last year regarding the selection of monograms as marks have met with approval throughout the jurisdiction, and that none were adopted since. But what if a monogram can be fashioned from straight lines?

It is generally presumed that Maine is invariably correct and a "stickler" for form and accuracy. The G. H. P. however, said

"During the past year it has come to my attention that certain chapters have been communicating the Mark degree instead of working it in full form. This is wrong and legislation should be adopted compelling all Chapters to confer this beautiful degree with the same careful consideration as they do the Royal Arch."

Yet the visiting officers reported well of the many Chapters inspected.

How frequently one reads "the Chapter was opened on the Royal Arch Degree." How it could be opened on any other degree is something one would like to be informed on.

Companion Harris has settled down to the work of reviewing and does not need to travel outside his bailiwick for pointers. His fourth is an able and entertaining report and includes Canada for 1906. He gives us courteous notice to the extent of three pages, much of it quotation.

Under Illinois, he deduces from a quotation in Companion Warvelle's report that under the English Constitution the Royal Arch degree is conferred solely upon actual Past Masters of lodges.

Whatever the practice may have been in the auld lang syne there is no half-way house now between the

Master Mason and the Royal Arch in England. That old, old story, which in our Masonic callow youth most of us believed, viz., that "no one in ancient times could receive the Royal Arch degree unless he had previously presided in the lodge as Master," was apparently taken from the knowledge that in a few of the earlier lodges in England, and occasionally in Ireland, that practice was followed and the Royal Arch was regarded as a "Chair degree." Modern research has shown, however, that it was by no means universal but was given under lodge authority to the Master Mason as the completion or complement of what he had already received. That Ramsay, its reputed inventor, Dermott, Dunckerley or any other of the old improvers ever intended the Royal Arch to be confined to Past Masters has not yet been made clear by evidence, but when Webb and his American contemporaries set about to fabricate their system and "borrowed" the Past Master degree, the incident was seized upon as an argument and support for its introduction. That he might round off the mystical number seven, the ingenious Webb invented that pretty anachronism the Most Excellent Master and the American system, "a thing of shreds and patches" is there since and will doubtless continue, to shed lustre on the memory of the great ritual remodeler.

England's system, in our humble opinion, is the purest. There will be many to demur, but bear in mind the view is shared by numerous students on this side of the pond. The Master Mason there can apply direct to the Royal Arch Chapter, which is plainly the continuation and end of his knowledge. The Mark degree which is, admittedly, explanatory of the Fellow Craft, is under a distinct government and is wholly optional. The "Past" Master is in its proper place in the blue lodge, and is the degree conferred upon an installed Master. The M. E. M. being a purely American product, and of doubtful origin, meaning or claim, is, of course, unknown.

There are many in England who, like unto their trans-atlantic cousins, hanker after mystery carefully

concealed in the guise of degrees, titles and queer adornment, but they are provided for in the side shows known as allied rites or some equally convenient and alluring nomenclature. There is no connection with the body proper which is now as it was declared in 1813, "Pure Ancient Masonry"—Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch."

James E. Blanchard, Augusta, Grand High Priest.

Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Maryland

Chapters .. 22.

Members .. 2,576.

"I take pleasure in extending to you a cordial welcome to this Annual Convocation, it being the 108th year since the formation of this Grand Chapter."

"It is a pleasure to be able to report the Craft in splendid condition. Our subordinate Chapters are prosperous, and doing good work. Neither envy nor discord are known among us, and harmony prevails throughout the confines."

A proud record and doubtless a proud man who made the announcement. To judge by his portrait, Charles McDonald, jr., M. E. Grand High Priest, was a highly satisfied Companion when he stepped down from his high position after presiding over Grand Chapter at Baltimore on the 23rd of November, 1905.

He made a number of visitations but was disposed to give all the credit for that duty to the Grand Lecturer, who was, as usual, indefatigable as a tourist and "dropped in upon every Chapter in the jurisdiction." He reports that the subordinate bodies generally are in better condition than a year ago, and the attendance better than ever before. "I cannot speak too highly of Companion Dukehart, who has in every way faithfully and satisfactorily performed the duties of his office, and take this opportunity to thank him."

One new Chapter was organized. No questions of importance were submitted, and altogether the year was singularly quiet and Grand Chapter had little to do.

As the duties of the Grand Secretary, which compelled him to be at his office at the Masonic Temple until late every evening that the building was open, caused his health to become affected, and required him to give up his private business in order that he might give his whole time and attention to his duties as Grand Secretary during the day, and devote his evenings to duties that are less arduous—he recommended that Grand Chapter take some action that would, in a measure, repay him for the sacrifice which he has made in its interest. Very promptly the recommendation was attended to and the salary of the Grand Secretary will be adequately augmented next year.

The Grand Secretary was authorized to procure a book typewriter.

The Committees on Grievance and Unfinished Business reported that nothing had been submitted to them for consideration, and that they took great pleasure in congratulating the Grand Chapter upon the peace and harmony that existed.

Companion Miller, in a foot-note to his list of "bodies Masonic," states, and truly, that the Knight Templar system of Great Britain and colonies, Canada excepted, does not include the order of the Red Cross known to the United States system—and therein G. B. and Co. display some consistency. Canada embraced the P. M. degree at one time in her Capitular system, because her neighbor had it. She also took in the R. C. for the same reason. Yet both were lamentably out of place. She awoke to her error in the one case and mayhap a day of enlightenment may dawn for her yet in the other.

The veteran Companion Schultz, although afflicted with the loss of sight, continues to give the benefit of his active brain as Maryland's talented reviewer. To do this, even with the aid of a good reader and amanuensis, must be a difficult task, but his great store of knowledge and keen memory are potent aids to a successful result.

He is complimentary to Canada and her reporter, and kindly reviews 1905 to more than his usual limit.

Under Connecticut he quotes the decision which bars the door to a Royal Arch Companion from a foreign jurisdiction who does not possess one of the preliminary degrees and says :

"This is quite a serious matter, and it seems to us the rule might be relaxed, at least to the extent of allowing our English Companions to sit with us in all the degrees except that of Past Master. And even in that degree, where would be the harm of putting the visitor in the class with the candidates and conferring upon him the degree, thus healing the deficiency and bringing him up to the standard of our American system."

And the ludicrous feature of it all is that State Grand Chapters which legislate along this line maintain friendly relations with the Grand Chapter of England. To be reasonable they should sever the fraternal tie and declare that there is no Royal Arch recognized outside their own U. S. system, or its copyists.

The learned man of Nevada, defending the word "Order", quoted the "Charter of Cologne" in support. Companion Schultz promptly scatters his house of cards thus :

"When it is remembered that the document known as "the Charter of Cologne (1535)" is bogus, and that it is believed to have been written more than two centuries later than that time, his illustration loses much of its force."

To the suggestion of a reviewer that Companion Schultz's long services entitle him to a pension, he declares that it is his desire to die in harness. That wish is no doubt echoed by his Companions, and we would add the fervent hope that the event is far in the distant future.

James F. Allen, Rockville, Grand High Priest.

John H. Miller, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

Michigan

Chapters .. 140.

Members .. 17,070.

At Saginaw City, on the 15th of May, 1906, Grand Chapter convened in its Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation, and its doings are recorded in a bulky volume, the great feature of which is clear bold type. The

previous Convocation was held in the month of January as formerly, but it was then decided to change it to May and a term of sixteen months was enjoyed by Grand High Priest Thomas H. Williams, who was enabled to congratulate Grand Chapter upon a distinct and substantial progress.

Death made serious gaps in the official staff. Grand Scribe Geo. M. Kingsburg, Grand Lecturer Lewis Cass Goodrich and Grand Chaplain Rev. Francis A. Blades, were called away during the term. Other distinguished Companions among the departed were John W. Finch, P. G. H. P., and Past Grand Scribes D. Burnham Tracy and Richard Rowland.

Grand High Priest Williams thus refers to the terribly sudden death of the Grand Lecturer :

"I have seen men, in the prime of life, in the full strength of manhood, go down to death on the field of battle. I have stood by the bedside of a kind and loving friend, watching each labored breath, noting the eye grow dim and catching the last whispered "Good-bye," but not in all my life did I ever experience so great a shock as came to me on the evening of August 7 last, when, sitting beside our Grand Lecturer, Lewis C. Goodrich, in the lodge room at the "Soo," without a moment's warning, his head fell forward, and poor Lewis was dead."

He declined on prudential grounds to accede to requests for the establishment of two Chapters.

Among his decisions is one which agrees exactly with our interpretation of the General Grand's law, and which does credit to the Grand High Priest's lack of impulse when desiring to reach a just finding. We commend a perusal of same to Washington and Connecticut.

"Brother Blank, a member of a Lodge in England, has sat in our Lodge, now wishes to visit our Chapter; was frank in telling us that he was not a Mark Master Mason, Past Master or Most Excellent Master, as it is not required in England, where he had taken the Royal Arch Degree."

"*Question.* "Can we heal him by conferring the degrees he has not taken"?"

"*Answer.* This is provided for by the General Grand Chapter R. A. M., of the United States of America, where it states that Companions from without the jurisdiction of the United States, who may present themselves as Royal Arch Masons, producing satisfactory evidence of having received that degree, may be given the degrees of M. M. M., P. M. and M. E. M. to the end that they may be healed."

"I would, therefore, hold that if you so desire, and satisfactory evidence is produced, your Chapter can heal the Companion named, by conferring the degrees he has not taken, *i. e.*, the M. M. M., P. M. and M. E. M. degrees."

Of the Masonic Home he has something to say that might well be pondered in the light of outside criticism. He thinks the regulations as to admission deprives it of the claim to the title in its broad sense.

"I am in full sympathy with a Masonic Home in all that the word *Home* implies; but when one must be entirely destitute in order to be admitted, it is, to my mind, a 'Poor House.' "

He instances the case of a brother who possesses two hundred dollars. That possession bars his admission under the rules. He must be absolutely destitute. If the brother proceeds to squander that money and leaves himself without a cent, he becomes eligible to apply.

"Now, would it not have been better to say to the applicant: "Yes, we will admit you on condition that you give to the Home the money you now have." Then put the money on interest, using the interest only to help maintain the applicant, and put the principal into a fund as a nucleus to be added to, with a view of creating a reserve fund."

He urged the preservation in the individual Chapters of the annual proceedings, and the taking out of surety bonds for Secretary and Treasurer. He believes that a good Secretary invariably means a good Chapter and counsels his retention in office. He recognized the valuable services of the Grand Secretary and recommended that his salary be increased.

The home of Companion, Charles L. Stevens, P. G. H. P., was entered by burglars, and among the many articles stolen and carried away, was the P. G. H. P.'s jewel, presented to him by Grand Chapter. It was resolved to present him with a duplicate.

Companion Stevens very feelingly thanked the Grand Chapter for its liberal action, assuring the members that this jewel would have a double value to him over the lost one.

The widow of Grand Secretary Goodrich prepared a report of the visits paid and work done by her late husband and compiled from his diary. It was on August 7th that the summons came and his memoranda showed that he had arranged visits up to the 31st. The last entry was :

“September 2nd—Home.”

“Dear heart, how sad the sweet word “home.” How well we could not foresee the sad home-coming when he should return to us with the majesty of silence upon his marble brow. How well that he went out from among us, happy in his anticipation of meeting those whom he had ever found so congenial and so true.”

“Under sealed orders sailing,
But the Pilot knew the way.”

It was decided to pay the salary for the year to the widow.

Recognition of Western Australia was deferred until such time as the differences between it and the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland may be amicably settled or further information advanced.”

A sum of five hundred dollars was devoted to the sufferers by the San Francisco disaster.

An admirable review of the Grand Chapter is furnished by Grand Secretary Conover, who is a worthy successor to a worthy father, and it is a pleasure to note that his Grand Chapter recognizes his ability and zeal. Discussing Canada for 1905 he says :

“No portraits grace the proceedings of this Grand Chapter which I think is a mistake as portraits at least of the presiding officers should be in the archives and there is certainly no better place to publish them than in the proceedings. The book is attractive otherwise.”

If there is one thing the Canadian presiding officer lacks more than another it is vanity, and it is a difficult matter to work him up to that pitch of enthusiasm and courage necessary to face a camera. But the germ has taken root and some day, perhaps in the near future, the Royal Craft will be presented to such a gallery of rare intelligence as to cause it to wish for an immediate and painless demise. If Companion Conover, however, continues to dub the presiding officer "Grand Scribe Z.", especially after the pains we have been at to lead him into the right path, he will be apt to extinguish the incipient flame and to an eager and expectant Capitular world that galaxy of beauty will be lost for ever.

Clark E. Spencer, Port Huron, Grand High Priest.

Chas. A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

Minnesota

Chapters .. 63.

Members .. 6,254.

Wearing the smile of one conscious of having done his whole duty, an immaculate "biled" shirt, and the handsome jewel presented by his appreciative Companions, the portrait of George Forsyth, who presided over the Forty-fourth Annual Convocation, at St. Paul, on October 10th, 1905, is the decorative feature of the volume under review.

Everything, according to his statements, was happy and prosperous; but in many Chapters he noticed a lack of insurance protection.

The "actual presence" advocate will be shocked to learn that "the charters are nearly all kept in tin tubes or deposited in safes, very few being framed and hanging on the walls of the Chapter room."

Two new Chapters were formed and two charters surrendered.

Among his "visitations" was one to the office of the Grand Secretary in St. Paul. Serious illness for a long period interfered with more active duty in this line.

He recommended an appropriation to aid, with other Masonic Grand bodies, in the erecting of a monument to P.G.H.P. A. T. C. Pierson, and wife. The deceased Companion held the office in 1859, and was the first of a long line. He was Grand Secretary for many years afterwards. A sum of \$100 was subsequently agreed to.

The petition for a dispensation for a new Chapter in St. Paul, signed by sixteen Companions and recommended by two out of the three existing Chapters in said city, was presented and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. The Committee recommended that the dispensation prayed for be denied and their report was adopted. The reasons assigned for reporting adversely were, that in their judgment the law required the recommendation of all three Chapters and that without a change in the law the Grand Chapter could not legally grant the dispensation prayed for.

A large attendance of Companions witnessed the conferring of the Mark Master's degree on an actual candidate, in the evening, by the officers of Summit Chapter, St. Paul.

The ubiquitous Thomas Montgomery, P.G.H.P., Grand Secretary, Grand Inspector, etc., etc., contributed his sixteenth review of sister Grand bodies. It is not a lengthy one, and he apologises therefor, promising to spread himself in future if his Companions grumble. Yet little of value is missed. He is generous to Canada for 1905, and does not spare the scissors when dealing with the reporter.

He agrees with Connecticut that a Royal Arch Mason from England is not Royal Arch Mason enough to be permitted to cross the portals of a U.S. Chapter. Yet Companion Montgomery's list of recognized Grand Chapters includes England. Cut it out, Companion, and if there are any others of doubtful purity, "off with their heads." Be consistent at least

He yielded in a moment of weakness to a horrible temptation, and spite of his desire to economize space, reproduced in full the "Misther Dooley" presentation

speech by a Hoosier humorist, thus sullyng an otherwise unblemished report.

Frederick Bloom, Woodstock, Grand High Priest.

Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Mississippi

Chapters .. 69. Members .. 3,021.

Brookhaven was honored with the Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation on February 22nd, 1906, and the representation was well up to the average. Although the Grand High Priest's "necrology" did not mention the fact, yet the death of Franklin P. Jenkins, P.G.H.P., left a vacant chair in the ranks of the veterans. "At the time of his death he was president of the First National Bank of Aberdeen and a leading and influential member of the community. Although a licensed minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he did not abandon his secular calling or his interest in the public welfare."

Grand High Priest Clement can not be recorded as a star visitor. One Chapter outside his own was honored by his presence in the year.

Correspondence assured him that there was no hope for one of the Chapters, so he arrested its charter. What if he had gone there himself?

The Grand Lecturer being dead, and no successor elected, work is at a standstill. "The older members of most of our Chapters make no pretence of being able to confer the degrees under the present work adopted by this Grand body, and are consequently unable to instruct their Companions."

A majority of the Chapters asked for instruction, and he appointed a Companion who, after a little time, relinquished the job. The Grand* Principal Sojourner took it up and did good work in the brief time left to him.

"Very few have learned any portion of the new Rituals distributed in 1904 which is owing to the individual pledges of the Companions receiving them, restricting their use, also

the difficulty in reading them correctly. With the exception of some of the High Priests of Chapters located in the larger towns, none have used them to any extent, preferring to learn the work from unauthorized books which are easier to read."

The record does not say that the G.H.P. was honored with a jewel in recognition of his services. He acknowledged a vote of thanks, however.

Grand Secretary Speed complained, with some degree of warmth, of the culpable carelessness of secretaries who possessed neither fraternity nor courtesy to reply to communications; but may not others be to blame?

"For several years the supply of the edition of the laws of Royal Arch Masonry in Mississippi has been completely exhausted and I have been wholly unable to supply it to Chapters and individuals. It was last printed in the Proceedings of 1895 and these too have given out and there are but very few copies left."

In view of our own heroic efforts at trying to do good, the following resolution will evoke a sympathetic sigh :

"That the Grand Lecturer of this Grand Chapter be and he is hereby requested to present the claims of the Widows' and Orphans' Home Building Fund and solicit contributions to same, at all places where he goes to lecture Subordinate Chapters, and report results of same in his written monthly reports to the Grand Secretary, with remittance of such amounts as he may be able to raise."

In view of the revelations of inspecting officers it was resolved,—

"It shall be an offense punishable with suspension, for any Royal Arch Mason to have in possession any expose of Royal Arch Masonry, and with expulsion to make use of the same in the work of the Chapter."

For a quarter of a century the sturdy P.G.H.P. Phineas M. Savery has been instructing his Companions through the medium of his annual reports on Correspondence. He serves up an elegant dish, but, alas, with too little "Savery." Occasionally he breaks out with some of his old time originality, as in the case of a spasm with Johnston of Washington or a sustained paroxysm where Wisconsin is concerned, but he seems to prefer "the other fellow." He contributes a kind review of Canada,

but without comment. Yet we would not be without him. He is one of the old guard, whom to know is to love and honor. Hear his concluding words :

"Old fogies, of which the writer is one, are still *tolerated* in the Guild, but we are passing away—soon none will remain to complain of innovation on Ancient Craft Masonry."

"Some of the Guild who have passed the allotted age of seventy years, do not appear to grow old gracefully, yet there are none of them who would not be missed were he to "fall asleep," but our God "ever doeth all things well," so let us wait His call in Faith and Hope and Love, doing all the good we can from day to day and pray the blessings of God upon the Craft wheresoever dispersed "

Wm. A. Bodenhamer, Okolona, Grand High Priest.

Frederick Speed, Vicksburg, Grand Secretary.

Missouri

Chapters . . 102.

Members

"Capitular Masonry moves onward with a steady and consistent growth. The returns, as tabulated by our Grand Secretary, show a fair numerical increase, and every subordinate Chapter in the State has paid its dues in full," said the Grand High Priest, all of which is pleasant to hear, but a condensation of those tables would have helped the reviewer, who is not a lightning calculator, to an accurate statement of the membership. Moreover, time is too limited to "recapitulate."

Companions at Kanoka and Odessa were successful in their petitions for new Chapters, so a venture is made at the total number of active Chapters.

Kansas City was selected for the Sixtieth Annual Convocation, and Nathan J. Snetland, M.E. Grand High Priest, did not exhaust the patience of the Companions on the morning of April 24th last with a florid address. He confined himself to business. He thought a Grand Lecturer was necessary in view of the unhealthy condition of many Chapters. As a specimen of activity he cited the case of a healthy body which had produced 200 extra Royal Arch Masons within the year.

Discussion ensued on a proposed amendment to the Constitution, providing for Grand and State Lecturers with adequate compensation. It was finally referred to a committee of three to report at next annual Convocation.

The Grand Lecturer's report included a long list of Chapters that had done no work during the year.

"It is not probable that in the towns named, there are no Blue Lodge Masons seeking more light. Such a condition would be so unnatural as to demand scientific investigation.

It becomes conclusive that the fires are not kept burning and the blind who may be brought by ways they know not, can feel the evidence of heat were fire apparent.

Initialed watchword is found in the sentence, *Ignis, Naturae, Renovatur, Integra*, and it conveys to an adept essential action to be pursued.

Shall we build the fires?"

Apparently not this year. Some other year.

One thousand dollars was the amount voted to the San Francisco sufferers.

The Eastern Star ladies have been actively at work in the Masonic Home, and the report on same thus pays tribute.

"In addition to the regular per capita contributions made by the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, the members of the order contributed a sufficient amount to elegantly, beautifully and comfortably furnish this building at a cost exceeding \$2,000.00. Such liberality could only have been expected from our sisters, who are always alert to the helpful work of caring for our brothers and sisters and their orphan children in the Masonic Home."

A fac-simile of the jewel decided upon for Past Grand High Priests is given with the volume, and is very handsome. It was designed by a firm with the suggestive title, "The Barr De-Vault Jewellery Co." Five of them were procured.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals were without occupation.

A Committee of three is to examine the ritual of the P.M. degree with a view to suggesting changes.

Grand Secretary Stevenson presented his first review of "the doings and sayings of others," and it is arranged by a masterly hand. He notes everything pleasantly, but the note is not always sustained. The refrain throughout is rather of the staccato variety and decidedly pleasant. He takes the golden rule for his text, and proceeds gaily "from Alpha to Omaha" without tripping once to any appreciable extent.

To the question submitted in Alabama as to whether a dimitted Royal Arch Mason could be appointed to office, and the ruling "That none but actual members of a Chapter could hold office and that a High Priest elect could not make such an appointment," he applies the following anecdote :

"Some years ago, in Missouri, a newly elected county judge of one of the counties suburban to Jefferson City broached the Attorney General with the question, "General kin I grant a devoce ?" "Thunder, no, you have no such authority." "By Zacks, I've done it."

Under Kentucky he remarks :

"He also sarcastically goes after the Canada Companions in the form of a question on nomenclature, "What is Scribe E and Scribe N ?" "

Now, for a reviewer who boasts an acquaintance with Mohammed, Confucius, Hermes, and other highly respectable ancients, one would imagine that he had a passing acquaintance with more generally familiar old-time writings. No, Companion, "sarcastically" is not the word. Try again. The substitute in our mind just now would not be inapplicable elsewhere than under Kentucky. He includes a very exhaustive and kindly inspection of Canada for 1905. We hope to renew acquaintance.

Tandy A. Dunn, Bethany, Grand High Priest.

Robt. F. Stevenson, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

Montana

Chapter . . . 16. Members . . . 1,196.

"Hugh T. Cumming, our retiring Grand High Priest, whose picture appears opposite, like his predecessor, is of Scotch ancestry and a native of the Province of Nova Scotia."

"It was here at Sunny Brae that our Companion was born September 5, 1857, the ninth in a family of thirteen children."

"After some experience in mining near home, we find him making his way to Leadville, Colorado, in the autumn of 1879. After ten years of mining in Colorado, Sonora, California, New Mexico with varied fortunes, he came to Montana in 1879 and settled in Granite, Montana, where he engaged in the hotel business and has since resided."

"With limited facilities he has made himself one of the most proficient ritualists in lodge and chapter in the jurisdiction."

To his Companions at Butte on the occasion of the Sixteenth Annual Convocation on September 19th, 1905. Grand High Priest Cumming offered congratulations on the evidence of abundance on all hands. His ornate references to the halo of peace which now replaces the war cloud in the Orient, the comforts of home and fire-side and the means of plenty to sustain them, might have graced the sentimental phrasings of an archbishop, and will no doubt appeal to the Missourian Galahad whose trusty blade protects the tents of the undefiled.

Among his death notices was that of Walter E. Frederick, Past High Priest of Helena Chapter, No. 2, who was in many respects a Royal Arch Mason of more than ordinary skill, intelligence, and fidelity. He was a native of Chatham, Ontario, born August 16th, 1840, was educated in the schools of that town, and did not leave until he had reached the age of 22 years. He aided in building some of the first of the lines into Montana, and became the chief operator in Helena, holding the position from 1870 to 1887, when he was elected Clerk and Recorder of Lewis and Clark County. After his term of office expired he became chief clerk in the Post Office, and later, cashier of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, and so continued until his death.

The Grand High Priest had a keen eye for things small as well as great. He suggested that the Montana word "vails," be changed to the word as used by the General Grand and Dr. Mackey, viz., "veils," and drew attention to the necessity for a change in the printer, who was dilatory. He was an assiduous visitor, and not only inspected the ceremonial work of the Chapter, but their books and records as well.

The Grand Secretary likewise complained of the printer's delay, and suggested that he may have had a better paying job. He announced the completion of the Monitor and said :

"If this work is approved by the Grand Chapter, as I think it deserves to be, it will be well to order the printing of five hundred copies, which I think could be had for \$450, which could mostly be repaid by selling at seventy-five cents, which is the usual cost of the cheapest chapter Monitor. I hope this will be done, and I think we can afford it, for we have no Representatives to support."

True, Montana is one of the "three graces" who have discarded the system of exchanging Grand Representatives, but this is the first time we ever heard that it entailed a drain upon the treasury. Will Companion Hedges kindly inform a waiting community which extends beyond the boundary of this fair jurisdiction, how much it cost to "support" the Representative system while it lasted in Montana?

Western Australia's application for recognition was laid over.

Companion Hedges "all written" review is as interesting as ever. He gives to our "forty-seventh" the usual meed of careful attention. Referring to the Grand Z.'s expressed satisfaction at the uniformity of Canada's working, he says :

"It would have been better for the larger intercourse with the states to have adopted our work. For, whatever Companion Bennett may say to the contrary, it is written in the book of fate that Canada and the United States will grow closer together in the coming centuries, and eventually become one. What God has joined together, it would be vain for man to separate."

Right you are, Companion. We are joined to an Empire that every Canadian is proud of, and as you truly say, it would be vain for man to attempt a separation. As for eventualities in the coming centuries—well, they are so remote that to worry about them just now would be trifling with our opportunities. As a certain speaker once remarked when queried about future generations: “Posterity? posterity indeed! What has posterity ever done for us?”

Francis D. Jones, Helena, Grand High Priest.

Cornelius Hedges, Helena, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska

Chapters . . 55.

Members . . 3,633.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska began its Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation in Freemasons Hall, Omaha, at four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, December 13th, 1905.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in due form, as required by the law of Royal Arch Masonry in Nebraska.

M. E. Companion Francis McGiverin delivered his address, which, with the reports of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer were referred to the Committee on Doings.

It was a great year for crops, always a convenient topic, and everybody benefitted. He confessed to an easy time officially. Yet conditions were satisfactory. The hoped-for increase was lessened by many deaths and the surrender of a charter.

“The net increase, notwithstanding the above facts, is a little over 100, and this number, if the Companions are zealous in the cause of Capitular Masonry, and practice its precepts, will add more strength to the Fraternity than a larger increase of indifferent members would do.”

His personal zeal is, of course, comprised in his acts. Among his dispensations was one for a new Chapter at Randolph. He recommended decapitation for another

that had done no work during the year. Another inactive for two years but which sent on its dues, he commended to the tender mercies of the incoming executive. He made no decisions and was a victim to the shocking force of example :

"Like many of my illustrious predecessors, I can report but few visits made to Chapters. My time has been so occupied with personal matters, that it was impossible for me to visit more than one Chapter besides Signet Chapter No. 8, where I hold my membership."

But he endeavored to make up for any deficiency in official duty.

"Under the law, the Grand Secretary is required to annually provide an engraved portrait of the retiring Grand High Priest, to accompany our printed proceedings. Having recently had such a plate engraved, I take great pleasure in presenting it to the Grand Chapter as a slight expression of my appreciation of the many honors and courtesies received from it."

Companion Phelps, as of yore, furnishes the report on Correspondence, and as usual succeeds in doing his whole duty. Under California, he notes a comment on a Canadian decision with regard to the ballot, and says :

"In the Canadian decision it was put upon the ground of a constitutional provision, but we think it a fundamental principle in Masonic Jurisprudence, that no man, or body of men, can alter or change by legislation in a Masonic body."

Bless his heart, fundamental principles "cut no ice" when the modern Masonic law-maker desires to get in his fine work. It's the pap that is his sustenance. Only a few lines above, and under the same caption, he notices the recommendation of the G. H. P. that the standing regulation against liquor at Chapter banquets be repealed arguing "with great force that while Masonry teaches temperance it is not meant that total abstinence is required." Temperance is a fundamental principle in Masonry, but the total abstinence faddist wants something more and secures it by legislation. Again, freedom of inclination is in the Masonic foundation, but the modern legislator is on hand to remove it and let us assert once more, and for the "steenth" time, if he will have it so, that the late Companion Drummond

and his contemporaries were Masonically correct in their attitude towards an innovation prompted by and due solely to present day eagerness for cold cash. Talk as they will about "kicking away the ladder," "stepping stones," and similar platitudes, they only build around the wretched fabric a wall of too transparent sentiment. The very preachers against the young brother who desires to soar, are themselves the greatest sinners. In Lodge or Chapter they are insufficiently clothed if the lapel of their coat is not decorated with a Saracenic button that naturally creates a curiosity and ambition in the impressionable tyro. Though they may not suspect it, yet it is often their own display of connection with these "ennobling" and "mystic ceremonials" that proves the *ignis fatuus* for the feather-brained youth who unaffectedly looks up to these "high degree" veterans as examples. So long as these hilarious high jinks, which are so flatteringly limited to the "select" in Masonry, are patronized and advertized by those entrusted with high positions in Craft bodies, so long will there be defections. From childhood up we are but imitative creatures. Let us remove the mountain from our own optic and the speck will become infinitesimally small in these of our younger brethren who

"Like moths are ever caught by glare,
And mammon wins his way where seraphs might despair."

William W. Wright, Beatrice, Grand High Priest.

Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

Nevada

Chapters . . 7.

Members . . 322.

A remarkably brave little jurisdiction is this. Notwithstanding its thirty-three years of existence, the continued struggle of Grand Chapter under adverse circumstances commands respect and admiration. There appears to have been a loss of one in the membership and of the seven Chapters three only displayed activity. There were eleven admissions and one affiliation recorded in the year, and Grand Chapter has to be sustained by

assessments in addition to the ordinary dues. The sum received from the Chapters under these heads totalled \$677.25, or an average of over two dollars per member. The year's outlay was \$615.94, which included \$247 for printing proceedings, \$200 for Grand Secretary's salary and \$50 for a Correspondence Report. In view of the outlook, the Finance Committee recommended a levy for the next year of fifty cents per capita. Last year it was 75 cents.

The Annual Convocation was held in the City of Reno on June 11th, 1906. The Chapters were represented by 22 delegates and there were 16 present and past Grand officers.

On the first of the month the following letter was received from the secretary of an organization known as the Elks :

"The use of our building and lodge room is extended to the Grand Chapter of R. A. M. on the occasion of their meeting in June. This is by unanimous vote of Reno Lodge, No. 597, B. P. O. E. We know that you appreciate a quiet place for your deliberations, and we offer our hall beside the quiet Truckee."

This kind invitation was accepted with gratitude, but no explanation is vouchsafed as to the reason why Grand Chapter should convene outside the precincts of a Masonic sanctuary and be under obligation to the B.P.O E.'s or anything else.

"Upon assembling in the hall of the Elks and previous to a formal opening of the Grand Chapter, Oscar J. Smith, Exalted Ruler of Reno Lodge, No. 597, B. P. O. E., ascended the dais in the East, and in a speech abounding in expressions of good fellowship and neighborly feeling, extended a cordial welcome to the Grand Chapter and turned over the hall and home of the Elks to Grand High Priest George Gillson, closing with : "You are accorded all the privileges that the Elks enjoy herein."

"The tendered hospitality was becomingly accepted by the Grand High Priest."

"All the privileges of the Elks." What a time they must have had. But where are we at ?

A page of "the usual" prefaced the account of his official acts by the Grand High Priest. The charity

without which we are nothing, he took credit for in this fashion.

"In connection with the matter of aiding and assisting those of us in need, I am proud and happy to say that Royal Arch Masons in the State of Nevada have, through the medium of the Grand Lodge, donated most generously to our unfortunate and afflicted Companions in the devastated and stricken metropolis of our neighboring State."

When it is explained that Companion Gillson was also Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, the reference is at once understood. The Grand High Priest, by the way, was brought to Masonic light in Collingwood, Ont., many years ago.

He recommended such legislation "as will make membership in a Chapter dependent upon membership in a symbolic Lodge," and of course it went.

He visited several of the constituent Chapters and witnessed their work, which was always found to be of a high order and reflected great credit upon their officers.

Companion Vanderlieth's second report on Correspondence is modestly presented. He has also written three for his Grand Lodge, so that, like ourselves, he is gaining experience. Our good Companion of Washington some years ago referred to us as "a new hand at the bellows." Now, dear friend Yancey is not often accused of originality, but that little break of his contained more truth than poetry. We had said something he didn't like and he retorted with that delicate allusion to "wind". He didn't emulate "grandfather's clock," not he, went right on with the job smilingly.

"Let the galled jade wince, our withers are unwrung."

Among the many ornate features in Companion Vanderlieth's review are his apt quotations, occasionally from Scripture. He is not the first, by the way, who succeeded in achieving a reputation in that line. But his have special reference to charitable forbearance, fraternal kindness and love,—love, the secret mystic bond that insures and proclaims the brotherhood of man.

Under Kentucky he, with characteristic meekness, remarks "Comp. Bennett, of Canada, could profit from reading this truly companionable review." Thanks, we did read it, and observed, perhaps with some benefit, that our dear Nevada Companion was promptly rebuked for using a word which the Kentuckian described as "of disagreeable odor". Comp. V. meant it in a loving sense, of course, but it was not so interpreted.

When he reaches Canada, he says nice things of our proceedings, but of the reporter, nothing. He "passes by on the other side." We had the temerity once to object to and criticize his extraordinary proposition of a free pass to clergymen and his finer sensibilities are wounded.

"Our Companion, in his conclusion, asks that "its errors and frailties may be charitably concealed".

"His request is most courteously granted and no review of his report is given."

What a rare compound of self abnegation and touching magnanimity, not unmixed with a modicum of discretion. Having perused every word of the report, he arrived at the conclusion that it was all error, all frailty, and with the beautiful mantle of Masonic charity, which invariably accompanies his walks abroad, he carefully covers it up—from Nevada.

"O, wad the power some giftie gie us,
To see oursels as ithers see us."

Well, we are seeing ourselves from a Nevada standpoint at any rate, and, to use another Scotch phrase, "feel no a bit the waur."

But in addition to the volume of error which our loving Companion has "charitably" concealed, we have to confess to an omission which may justly be scored up with the rest and, revealed in the limelight of his generous good nature, it is a sin beyond the pale. His disposition, as remarked before, is singularly sweet and he simply revels in sweet things. Wherever and whenever they are offered he takes them in with alacrity, relish and enjoyment. Now we have to admit that while we

prepared and administered the pill, we unfortunately and regrettably neglected the sugar-coating. Naturally enough he resents the "bad taste" and consequent disappointment. In refraining from merited chastisement he heaps the glowing cinders on our unprotected dome of thought and with humble gratitude we acknowledge ourselves a sinner. But then the merciful Companion is not as other men.

To bear criticism with patience and unconcern is an attribute of the truly great. The gifted men of the nation whose transcendent abilities raise them to positions of vast public responsibility take no heed of the envious pin pricking that is one of the penalties of their elevation.

"Great fleas have little fleas
Upon their backs to bite 'em;
Little fleas have lesser fleas,
And so *ad infinitum*."

His meek, forgiving nature is clearly reflected in the concluding lines of the review.

"The world has largely accepted the truth that "God is Love." In the teachings of Masonry it is predominant. Companions, strive on, speed the day, when, through the wonder-working powers of the Craft, by its side there shall be written, "Man is love"."

"And now, Companions, may all needed blessings be with you; especially so with the writers of the Guild! By the wisdom of the Supreme High Priest may we be directed, and by His strength may we be enabled to serve both God and man, with fervency and zeal, as taught within our sacred Chapter halls."

Chas. L. Fulstone, Carson City, Grand High Priest.

Chauncey N. Notewarc, Carson City, Grand Secretary.

New Brunswick

Chapters . . 8.

Members . . 531.

A neat little pamphlet of thirty pages suffices to record the doings of the Eighteenth Annual Convocation at St. John, on August 23rd, 1905. Portraits of the retiring and present Grand High Priests are included.

A successor to Hon. Robert Marshall, whose lamented death occurred in the previous year, has not yet been recommended, so Canada was without representation.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Frank A. Godsoe, was plain and blunt in his talk to the Companions.

"It is not my intention to extend this address further than it seems to me to be absolutely necessary; for altho' in years gone by an address was judged as to its merits by its length, its verbosity, its grandiloquent phrasing and its oratorical delivery; we of to-day, living in a much more practical age, are more interested in plain facts and figures with as little embellishment as possible."

"Our reports show an increase in membership, and for the size of our jurisdiction, it is a healthy sign, and denotes interest in the Craft and zeal amongst its members; peace and harmony reign within our jurisdiction."

The two Chapters in St. John amalgamated in the previous March and are now together as Carleton Chapter No. 1. The Grand High Priest considered the action a wise one.

Although this Chapter has reached its centennial anniversary and in his address of the previous year, he foreshadowed the event, its members failed to celebrate.

"This I consider a most unnatural proceeding, as an event of this nature calls for special recognition, and should not be allowed to pass by with the apathetic feeling that, as far as has come to my knowledge, the executive officers of the Chapter have exhibited. Ere the close of the year I trust something will be done in this Chapter to suitably commemorate the one hundredth year of its existence."

He announced the completion of the new ritual which has been a subject of unrest for a long period. A formula of examination in the several degrees was also prepared. "The idea of these examinations was mooted principally for the purpose of instruction to candidates for the different degrees and with the hope, also, that it might be a means towards curbing the tendency to rush candidates through the Chapter that they may gain admittance to other branches of Masonry."

"I am aware that the objection has been made that it would be almost impossible to have this matter of examining candidates before allowing them to take a higher degree, carried out. This seems to me a very trivial objection, for if the same rule applied in the Chapter as in the Blue Lodge, it would be a case of necessity, and I have never heard of any fault being found with this landmark in the Lodge, nor do I think there will be any scarcity of Companions who will be willing to conduct these examinations when it becomes a case of "have to."

He suggested, as a matter of common justice, that the expenses of the Grand High Priest or his authorized Deputy when on official duty to the Chapters, be paid by Grand Chapter.

Grand Secretary Wallace presented a lengthy report, submitting his official acts in detail.

The Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, M. E. W. Marshall Black, was announced as being in waiting. M. E. Companions J. V. Ellis and Alexander Burchill escorted the distinguished visitor into Grand Chapter. He was received with the Grand Honours, welcomed by the Grand High Priest, and conducted to the East. The welcome extended to him was suitably acknowledged by the M. E. Companion.

It was resolved "That the surrender of the warrant of New Brunswick Chapter be accepted; that the reason for such surrender be endorsed thereon, and that the warrant be then given into the custody of Carleton Chapter, No. 1, with which New Brunswick Chapter has amalgamated."

The Grand Secretary was authorized to have struck off a sufficient number of typewritten copies of the new ritual wherewith to furnish each Chapter with one complete copy.

William B. Wallace, K.C., St. John, Grand High Priest.

J. Twining Hartt, St. John, Grand Secretary.

New Jersey

Chapters . . 38. Members . . 4,895.

Right nobly did New Jersey celebrate the fiftieth year of its Grand Chapter's existence. The important event was attended by a fine representation of the Capitular staff. The Convocation was held at Trenton on the 9th May, 1906, and the doings of that Semi-Centennial are recorded at length in a volume that does infinite credit to the compiler.

A Committee of three had been entrusted with the arrangements for the celebration and the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Peter McGill, in addressing the large assemblage, paid tribute to their zeal in perfecting all details.

His official acts during the year were of the usual kind. Nothing transpired to disturb the serenity of the atmosphere. The net gain for the year he reported at 366.

The Grand Lecturer and his assistants had, as arranged, taken up the work of inspection formerly accomplished by the Grand officers.

"As for the results obtained by this system I have nothing but good to say. The advantages and benefits derived from a regular and systematic supervision of the Unwritten Work, from an intelligent and careful instruction in the same, and the correction and elimination of all errors and inaccuracies, far outweigh any increased expense in the carrying out."

With much feeling he referred to the California calamity and praised the generous response made to his appeal to the Chapters.

"In other countries greater catastrophies and larger losses of life have occurred, but not in ours. But the splendid grit, courage and energy of the American is already at work, and San Francisco, regenerate, purified, will arise from her ashes and be fairer than ever. Truly, to destroy Americans you must annihilate them."

Distinguished visitors from the New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Massachusetts Grand Chapters were announced and cordially received.

Another visitor was then announced, Comp. Arthul G. Pollard, General Grand High Priest of the Generar Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the United States, and, needless to say, he received a royal welcome.

Representatives of forty-eight Grand Jurisdictions including Canada, were presented and their felicitations gracefully voiced by M. E. Comp. I. Layton Register, Wisconsin's ambassador.

There was little, if anything, before the ordinary working Committees. The Grand High Priest had pronounced against post-card notices as unmasonic, but the Committee on Constitution considered the post-card permissible when only the announcement of the Convocation and the degrees to be conferred was sent out.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor at 4 o'clock p.m. and the Companions were informed that the festivities attending the Semi-Centennial celebration would begin in the banquet hall at 6 o'clock. 'It was a great feast and four hundred enjoyed it.

"The walls of the room were completely covered with drapery, all of the symbolic color of red, and across the room, suspended from the ceiling and from various points, were streamers of red. The prevailing color was relieved by long stems and branches of green plants, hung and festooned about the walls in great profusion. On the side of the room, opposite the head table, was a frame, and within it a triangle the outlines of a pick and spade, the frame, triangle and implements all being represented by numerous incandescent electric lights, making a striking and beautiful effect."

In order that Past Grand High Priest Bechtel, who was ill at his home, might have the benefit of hearing the addresses and music, a telephone receiver with a megaphone attachment was placed on the main table, and upon testing it, the response showed that the 'phone was answering the desired purpose, so that the absent Companion also enjoyed the occasion by hearing, if not seeing. During the evening, a bouquet of roses was sent to the M. E. Companion.

A most elaborate and highly artistic programme, a copy of which we hereby gratefully acknowledge, was

presented to each Companion present. Strictly speaking it is a souvenir historical volume with miniature photographs of every Past Grand High Priest.

Companion Henry S. Haines, P.G.H.P. and Grand Lecturer, again furnishes the meaty report on Correspondence, enjoyable and instructive reading throughout. His advocacy of dependent membership is born of deep-rooted conviction, and he hopes that New Jersey will fall into line at an early date. His review of Canada is, like all the others, complete. Anything worth noting is noted, and oftentimes commented on with approval or kindly criticism. Observing the admission of an abnormal number into a Chapter on one and the same occasion, he pointedly says :

"The earnestness of these novitiates we have no right to question; but we do not hesitate to caution our own household against the disposition manifested here to consider the acquisition of members the invariable test of Masonic advancement."

He disagrees with our position on the dependent membership question, while admitting our claim as to its origin, and which he says is a necessity. Exactly the point on which we agree. Modern conditions have established a need that has made innovation imperative. Having conceded that much we will grant him all the rest, being fully convinced from his statements generally that any further reasoning, "specious" or otherwise, will not aid towards bringing him to the penitent's bench.

"As the sunflower turns on her god when he sets
The same look that she turned when he rose."

We will not even venture an opinion on his reference to "that which the oldest and best authority has declared indivisible," nor a subsequent expression of "want of reverence for those who a century ago wrought the severance of the Royal Arch degree from its parent stock." The apparent conflict invites a passage of argument, but an appeal to discretion places the temptation behind us, and we conclude with wishing for New Jersey and its gifted reviewer another half century of happiness and prosperity.

Daniel C. Adams, Plainfield, Grand High Priest.

Leonard L. Grear, Passaic, Grand Secretary.

New Mexico

Chapters . . . 10.

Members . . 586.

The Eighth Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter was held in the hall of Rio Grande Chapter, in the city of Albuquerque, on Wednesday, Oct. 18th, 1905.

It seems but yesterday that this young jurisdiction was in its infancy, seeking recognition and making the usual request for interchange of representatives. The recognition secured, this ambitious youngster at eight years can toddle alone, and proclaims that it has no use for the Grand Representative system, "as it seems of no useful purpose." There are useful purposes, however, which the Companions of New Mexico do not neglect. Grand High Priest A. N. Pratt, makes an interesting allusion :

"There comes to us a steady visitation increasing year by year, impelled to come by the beautiful climate of New Mexico, the victims of the great white plague. Not a Lodge nor a Chapter has felt drawn on to its utmost and we give as our means permit, ungrudgingly. Our climate will do much, but it will not save to the uttermost all who come, and many a heart has a kindly feeling for the love and care bestowed by our Masonic Fraternities, on their friends, our brethren and Companions still strangers within our gates."

In this jurisdiction the General Grand's law is their law. It saves trouble, perhaps, and incidental outlay.

"I find that some of the Chapters are not so well informed as they should be on the constitution, rules and regulations of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S., under which our subordinate Chapters are working. What especially called attention to it was when I heard a Chapter had opened and conferred degrees on Sunday. On inquiry, I found that they did not have copies of the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter."

By-laws, however, are being formulated by a Committee which will report at next annual.

A new Chapter was started under dispensation.

Arthur Everitt, Albuquerque, Grand High Priest.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

New South Wales

Two pamphlets dealing with the quarterly Convocation, in August and November, 1905, are the only records to hand.

With the exception of the presentation of the report of the Committee of General Purposes, which was brief and uninteresting, and the election of officers, nothing else came before the August meeting. In connection with the latter, the rank of Past Grand Z. was conferred upon Companion E. Hungerford, a Past Second Principal.

The Grand Z., M.E. Companion H. B. Howe, was back from his visit to America to take his place at the November meeting, which assembled on the 28th, at 8 p.m.

Apologies for absence were received from E. C. John Braim, G.S.E., Grand Chapter of Victoria, E.C. J. H. Cunningham, G.S.E., Chapter of South Australia, and others.

Grand Treasurer Garden wrote that owing to very serious illness he was compelled to resign his office. The resignation was received with many expressions of regret and sympathy.

According to the report of the General Purposes Committee, the Bathurst Chapter was successfully resuscitated on the 22nd September, when a large number of Companions and Grand Chapter officers took part in the proceedings. Nine candidates were exalted.

The Committee congratulated Grand Chapter on the satisfactory condition of the finances, and the prosperous and progressive condition of the private Chapters which are working in a most fraternal manner, and steadily improving in numbers and financial position.

M.E.C. T. F. H. Mackenzie, P.G.Z., acted as Installing Principal, and solemnly installed the Grand Principals elect into their respective offices.

Retiring Grand Z. Howe invested Companion E. Hungerford with the jewel of the rank of P.G.Z., which had been conferred upon him at the last Convocation.

S. D. Townsend, Sydney, Grand Z.

A. J. Burbidge, Sydney, Grand Scribe E.

New York

Chapters . . 201.

Members . . 29,390.

Net gain, 1,431, and in this respect the Empire State continues to hold premier position.

Of the chartered Chapters, 22 have a membership of 50 or less; 76 from 50 to 100 members; 39 from 100 to 150; 25 from 150 to 200; 13 from 200 to 250; 7 from 250 to 300; 3 from 300 to 350; 4 from 350 to 400; 4 from 400 to 450, and 3 from 450 to 500.

One Chapter has a membership of 502, one of 532, one of 705, one of 709, and one of 1,020. The smallest number of members reported by any Chapter is 20.

It was the One hundred and ninth Annual Convocation that met in Albany on the 6th February, 1906, and there was a total present of 329.

Distinguished visitors included the following : Hon. Frank W. Higgins, Governor of the State; M. E. Harry Hunt, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachussetts; M... E... J. Henry Williams, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, accompanied by Companion George B. Wells, Grand Marshal of that jurisdiction; Hon. Charles H. Gaus, Mayor of the city of Albany; M. W. Frank Hurd Robinson, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, and Companion Arthur G. Pollard, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.

All of whom had something pleasant to say to the words of greeting from Grand High Priest Henry D. Hamilton.

In "submitting" his annual address, M.E. Companion Hamilton said :

"My address is printed and, therefore, I will not take up your time in reading it. Much—far too much—space is taken up in reciting the names of the unseen yet unforgotten. Let us think tenderly of them now. And let us so live that, when our time comes to go the way they have gone, there may be those who will think kindly of us, when the loving Father of all shall gently call us home."

Among those whose deaths were recorded were Past Grand High Priest J. Leavitt Lambert, who at the age of 68 was killed by a locomotive while walking on the tracts near Hoosick Junction, and R. E. Companion Jesse B. Anthony, Grand Lecturer in 1877, 1878 and 1879 who died at the Masonic Home at Utica, of which he was Superintendent, on Friday, May 26th, 1905.

As an instance of what a little energy and zeal will accomplish, the G.H.P. cited the case of the Chapter at Glen Cove which was in a shockingly sleepy and impetunious condition for years. The membership was even too lazy to take advantage of an authority for removal and were about to give up the ghost, when the hour arrived for the man and the latter was on hand. He rolled up his sleeves, called in volunteers from outside—

“And now, in less than two years, there are about fifty members on the roll, who are among the leading citizens of Glen Cove, and plenty of work, with the best of material, in sight; the Chapter does not owe a dollar, and has nearly five hundred dollars in the bank; not a member is in arrears, and the returns to the Grand Chapter are rendered when due; the percentage of attendance is large, the officers are thoroughly proficient and in love with their work.

For the first time in thirty years, I am informed, the Chapter is to be represented here by its elected and installed council officers.”

He visited neighboring Grand Chapters, and also private Chapters in his own jurisdiction.

The necessity for “going slow” found abundant illustration in the case of a newly-elected and installed High Priest of a Chapter who was convicted of swindling and sent to the penitentiary. He was of course expelled. The moral of the story is to be found in the following :

“This person was elected to preside over his Chapter in less than seven months after he had joined it !”

Of the Commission ordered at the previous annual Convocation to try the officers and others of the suspended Mount Zion Chapter, New York, responsible for the admission of the notorious “Chang Draper,” he said:

"The Commissioners performed their disagreeable task, and conducted the case with admirable fairness; but, having felt constrained to exclude all reference to the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter when offered in evidence by the complainant, found no other course open to them except to dismiss the charges. In reviewing the case, I held that this was reversible error on the part of the Commissioners, and that the Proceedings should have been admitted in evidence."

The Grand High Priest thereupon pronounced a decree of expulsion on the proposer, voucher, and investigating committee; suspension for a definite period on others, and in other cases acquitted the accused.

An appeal from this decision was lodged, and an answer thereto by the complainant, together with a memorandum citing authorities, from the Grand High Priest, were referred to the proper Committee. The following resolution was after much discussion, adopted:

"That the matter of the Appeal made by certain Companions of Mount Zion Chapter, from the decision of the Grand High Priest, be and the same be now considered by the Grand Chapter, and that the decision of the Grand High Priest in reversing the findings of the Trial Commissioners, and the judgment made by the Grand High Priest be and the same are hereby affirmed."

The report of the doings at the dedication of the monument in Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn, to the memory of the late Grand Chaplain, Rev. James Byron Murray, was very interesting. Two fine pictures, one of the monument itself and the other the large assemblage at the ceremony, accompany it.

The reports of Grand Secretary Fox and Grand Lecturer McGown present, as usual, a faithful reflex of existing conditions.

A letter from M.E. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers, New York's representative in Quebec, was read. It was dated at Albany, and expressed keen regret that circumstances compelled his leaving the city before he had the opportunity to personally convey the greetings of his Grand Chapter.

Rev. Pierre Cushing, Grand Chaplain, delivered a learned, interesting, and entertaining address on the subject of the Past Master's degree.

The Representatives of Grand Chapters present were introduced, and received by the Grand High Priest, who extended to them a hearty welcome. North Dakota's representative voiced the sentiments of his colleagues in an eloquent reply.

Comp. Marvin J. Greenwood's review of the Grand Chapters is a faithful presentation of their doings, and in which he abstains from pushing his own personality to the front whatever. An exceedingly courteous notice of Canada for 1905 is included.

Derrick Brown, Poughkeepsie, Grand High Priest.

Chris. G. Fox, Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

New Zealand

Chapters . . 21. members 775.

The "Journal of Poceedings" under review deals with the Fourteenth Annual Convocation held in the Freemasons' Hall, Invercargill on the 29th of January 1906.

Letters were read from the M. E. Grand Z., Comp. Fowlds, announcing his departure for South Africa and Great Britain, and regretting that time would not permit him to write an address to Grand Chapter, and from Comp. D. Greig, P. G. Z., offering the legitimate excuse of "fourscore years" as the cause of his absence, and conveying the good wishes of "New Brunswick," whose representative he is.

Five meetings of Supreme Committee had been held since the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, and M. E. Comp. G. Fowlds, First Grand Principal, presided at three of them. The meeting held on the 12th October was of great importance locally, and long duration, and three out of the four Grand Principals were present.

Waikato Chapter was constituted the 30th January, the evening immediately preceding the last Convocation of Grand Chapter. M. E. Comp. Geo. Fowlds, the then D. G. Z., conducted the ceremony.

The demand for the new ritual exceeded expectations, three-fifths of the edition was issued. The second edition was proceeded with next, but some little delay was experienced, from the fact that the type had necessarily to be set by a R. A. Mason, and there was only one available.

At the last Convocation, Supreme Committee recommended the adoption of biennial meetings of Grand Chapter, primarily for economical reasons, secondly, because of the absence of interest manifested in the affairs of the governing body by a large number of Chapters. The Committee decided to ask all Chapters for an expression of opinion, with the result that 9 Chapters decided in favor of annual Convocations, 1 for biennial, and 7 suggested as an alternative that a scheme of representation be brought down. The other Chapters did not reply. Biennial Convocations were not considered.

Several applications had been made to the Grand Chapter of Scotland for recognition, but no reply was received. Supreme Committee recommended that authority be given M. E. Comp. Fowlds, Grand Z., who would visit the old land, to act as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of N. Z. on the question of recognition and the interchange of representatives.

The laws of Grand Chapter provide that one qualification for the office of Z. of a Chapter is that the candidate must be an Installed Master in the Craft, though the G. Z. may issue a special dispensation where such rank has not been obtained. Supreme Committee urged that dispensations for this purpose should not be applied for, except in the most urgent cases, as "the objections to the election of a Companion who is not a ruler in the Craft are very obvious, and in some instances prejudicial to the best interests of Royal Arch Freemasonry."

New Zealand has an "Excellent" degree in its ritual and the First Principal of a Chapter working under the English register wrote asking that their ceremony of "Passing the Veils" should be considered as equivalent

in case of visitation. "The idea is the same, the signs the same only transposed, the words partly the same, only the grip is lacking." Grand Chapter adopted the following resolution :

That R. A. Masons who have gone through the ceremony of "Passing the Veils" in Chapters that do not work the Excellent Degree shall be eligible to visit Chapters holding under the Grand Chapter of N.Z., when open in the Excellent Degree, upon giving the requisite P.W. and G."

The probationary period of twelve months which should elapse before a Master Mason could make application to a Chapter was reduced to one month.

It was resolved on motion, "That the special thanks of this Grand Chapter be transmitted to Comp. F. J. Brown, of Yukon, Canada, for his kind donation to the G. C. Benevolent Fund."

Grand Chapter's confidence in the Grand Scribe E. was emphasized by a bonus and increase in salary.

The impressive ceremony of installation was made the feature of the evening session. Among the congratulating Grand Representatives was Canada's envoy M. E. Companion Robert Fletcher, D. G. Z.

The concluding hymn, "Pleasant are Thy Courts above," was sung, and the M. E. G. Z. and his officers retired in procession, thus terminating the Convocation.

James Macgregor, Invercargill, Grand Z.

H. J. Williams, Wellington, Grand Scribe E.

North Carolina

Chapters .. 26.

Members .. 1,585.

After a brief illness, and on the 18th October, 1905, death visited his home in Raleigh and took away Grand High Priest James D. Glenn, who had been installed in the previous May. Deceased had led an active public life, having served a number of times in the House of Representatives and later in the State Senate. In 1905, he was appointed private secretary to his brother,

Robert B. Glenn, Governor of the State, in which position he was serving when stricken down with his fatal illness.

Companion Lat. Williams, Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest, presided over the Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation, in the hall of Charlotte Chapter, in the City of Charlotte, May 8, 1906. and made feeling reference to the great loss Grand Chapter had sustained.

He recommended, and about time, that the sum paid in return for the services of the Correspondence reporter be doubled.

"What he now receives, is less than is paid by any other jurisdiction and in no way comports with the dignity and ability of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina. For more than fifteen years, when the Grand Chapter was financially unable to pay anything for his services, he cheerfully did the work absolutely without charge."

The Committee very properly endorsed the recommendation.

The Grand Lecturer's report indicated progress all along the line, and predicted an era of prosperity.

Very little business of importance came before Grand Chapter.

Companion Southgate's twenty-third report on Correspondence is as breezy and pleasant as of yore. He went right through Canada for 1905, and kindly says :

"The Reports of the Grand Officers and Superintendents of the various districts show very conclusively that the Grand Chapter of Canada is cultivating its field to the very best advantage, utilizing every means possible to bring good and efficient workmen to their quarries. We bid them God speed in their noble endeavors."

The veteran Companion whose good work, we trust, may be continued for many years, says in conclusion :

"Many deary days, early and late, have we toiled to prepare one more Report. Often in weakness and pain, but the journey is ended, the task is finished and we are compensated if some one will be helped to more light in Masonry."

Lat. Williams, Wilson, Grand High Priest.

Jas. C. Munds, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

North Dakota

Chapters . . 16.

Members . . 1,601.

The Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of North Dakota convened in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple, at Fargo, N. D., commencing Thursday, June 28, 1906.

Comp. E. George Guthrie, Grand High Priest, read his annual address.

He issued a circular letter to all Chapters calling attention to some of the new legislation and other matters of interest, and to which, he got only three responses. "Possibly there were good and substantial reasons for the oversight of an answer, but if so, I have to acknowledge that I am not a mind reader."

He recommended a revision of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Dealing with the California disaster he recommended that the sum of \$250.00, be appropriated from the funds of Grand Chapter, now available, and forwarded to Companion Albert D. Herrick, P. G. H. P. at Santa Rosa, to be applied at his discretion.

The Grand Secretary we have hitherto known as that genial good fellow "Frank J." Thompson. The Grand High Priest gives him an unfamiliar cognomen which demands explanation.

"My year of easy labor, made so by the kindness and good feeling which so thoroughly permeates all of whom I have had to do with, and more particularly, my dear Companion, Flicker-tail Thompson, our Grand Secretary, who never says nay to a request."

It is "Frank J.", however, who later makes report as Grand Secretary. It is difficult, however, to forgive his introduction. It was cruel of Frank J. but he no doubt tried to deserve his new name. His hearers will probably have recovered by the next "vernal." One would like to have studied, not the Zodiac, but the countenances of the listening Dakotans.

"In olden days when the sun was king and the moon was queen of the heavens, and by phases of the latter, her rotation about the earth marked the boundary lines of time, thirteen was a sacred number; for it divided the more majestic pace of the sun from vernal to vernal equinox. Among the Jews, thirteen kinds of spices were set out along the zodiacal signs; the cabalists had thirteen rules by which they were enabled to penetrate the mysteries of the Hebrew scriptures; around the Priapic Diana, goddess of Hierapolis, were thirteen emblems; throughout the ancient faiths cropped the thirteen signs, and the figures six and seven were revered. But when the moon told falsely the journey of the sun, her tales were denounced, and thirteen, which once was held sacred, became a symbol for the lie that had been told. Thus from allegory into belief passed the superstition, and even unto these days of civilization a blight is still upon thirteen. And I am to-day confronted with that number still bearing the mephitism of the ghosts of civilization's dead, for this is my thirteenth annual report as your Grand Secretary."

Generous contributions to the sufferers in California were sent from the Chapters through the Grand Secretary and the G. H. P.'s recommendation, as above, was not adopted.

"For many years we have said there is no work for the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, and we are pleased to state that the cry of old is the cry of this year : "There is no work for this committee." "

Companion Thompson sprung the same old surprise.

"The R. E. Grand Secretary, amid a breathless silence of expectation, and dissipation, and oblivion, surprised the unsuspecting, retiring Grand High Priest E. George Guthrie, with a beautiful Past Grand High Priest Jewel from the Grand Chapter. Although speechless from the unexpectedness of the remembrance, Comp. Guthrie responded eloquently."

When will he surprise us with the resumption of his dainty reports on Correspondence ?

Chas. W. Green, Devil's Lake, Grand High Priest.

Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

Ohio

Chapters . . 161.

Members . . 22,337.

Companion Rev. Charles G. Heckert, on behalf of the Companions and citizens of Springfield, welcomed

on the 4th October, 1905, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio in its Eighty-ninth Annual Convocation.

"In the number of those who have been exalted to these excellent degrees, Ohio stands third, following closely after New York and Illinois. In the net gain in membership we hold the proud position of second, New York alone leading us."

Companion Clifford G. Ballou, M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, was introduced by M. E. Companion Brenton D. Babcock, now, alas, numbered with the dead, and after being received with the grand honours, the Grand Master in a pleasing address presented the fraternal greetings and good wishes of all regular Masons.

Carroll F. Clapp, Grand Commander of the State, sent the following message :

"Fraternal greetings to Grand Chapter of Ohio. May peace and happiness abide with you, and all Royal Arch Masons become *Knights Templars*."

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Lewis P. Schaus, in his address, referred feelingly to the death of Past Grand High Priest Reuben C. Lemmon, who had served with honor in the exalted stations of M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, and General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America. "He endeared himself to the fraternity by his genial manner, his sparkling wit, his never-failing good fellowship, and won the admiration and esteem of all by his sound judgment and fine sense of honor."

In civil life Companion Lemmon commanded the confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens, and for more than twenty years held public office, serving as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas continuously for that length of time.

Several inquiries had been made concerning the establishment of new Chapters, none of which, however, were sufficiently advanced to warrant application for a dispensation.

All Chapters in the State were visited and inspected during the year and great good was accomplished, especially in securing uniformity in the work, forms and ceremonies.

Noting secretarial neglect, he urged that Chapters should be more careful in the selection of a secretary. "The business of a Chapter should be attended to as one would attend to his own personal business."

He made many official visits to subordinate Chapters, and endeavored to accept all invitations extended.

The following curious question was asked, to which he replied with a simple negative and reference :

"Has Toledo Commandery No. 161 any right to confer the Mark and Most Excellent Masters' degrees for the purpose of healing a foreign Companion who has not had these degrees, for a less sum than that prescribed in their by-laws, without first changing or so amending their by-laws as to allow the degrees to be conferred for less ?"

He directed the attention of the Grand Chapter to the continued absence of a number of Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter, and requested the Foreign Correspondence Committee to report thereon. Later, that Committee presented the following, which was adopted unanimously :

"WHEREAS, The system of the exchange of Grand Representatives between the respective Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in the world, whilst usually involving no specific duties, yet is such an expression of fraternal love, good will, and reciprocal courtesies between Grand Bodies and those of their obedience that the system should be especially fostered and commended; therefore,"

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter approves and officially recognizes the system of the exchange of Grand Representatives.

"*Resolved*, That the tenure of office of a Grand Representative near the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio shall continue until his resignation, or until his official removal by the M. E. Grand High Priest, or the withdrawal of his commission by the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of which he is the Grand Representative."

"*Resolved*, That absence from the Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter for three consecutive years, unless a suitable excuse therefor in writing is sent to the Grand Chapter, shall

warrant the Grand High Priest in requesting the recall of his commission by the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter represented."

The request of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Western Australia for official recognition and an exchange of Grand Representatives, was laid over until the next annual Convocation.

There was no case of grievance or appeal, and Grand Chapter was congratulated thereon.

An interesting report on Ohio's Masonic Home, which has now 160 inmates, was presented.

Much that M. E. Companion W. M. Cunningham contributes to his admirable report on Correspondence, we would fain reproduce for the benefit of our Companions, but lack of space prohibits. That he is a veteran student his introduction indicates.

"After an interval of thirty-six years, over a third of a century, the writer again resumes the reportorial work of this Grand Chapter. The growth and prosperity of Capitular Masonry within the period named is simply marvelous."

"The disciples and loyal members of Capitular Masonry are to be congratulated upon its high standing in the Masonic field. While it has had, and has yet, its narrow-minded detractors who would ignore all other degrees of Freemasonry than the three Craft degrees, and who have used their best efforts to shape Grand Lodge legislation into non-recognition of any other grades, under the specious and illogical plea that as Master Masons they cannot have any knowledge of any other than the first three degrees, ignoring the well-known fact that prior to the year 1800, in the United States and in many other Grand Jurisdictions, the Capitular, Cryptic and Templar degrees were conferred by the authority and under the auspices of Grand Lodges, and that all legislation and business affairs of Freemasonry, except that pertaining to the ritualistic work of the degrees, was transacted in a lodge of Entered Apprentices in the United States—and is yet in many Grand Jurisdictions—until in 1843, when, without cause, the degree was shorn of its inherent right and privileges, and thereby landmarks violated by so-called progressive (!) theorists."

"The researches of Robert Freke Gould, Wm. James Hughan Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, and other eminent Masonic historians and scholars, show that the existence of the Royal Arch degree was known as early as 1740, if not prior thereto, and as the reorganization of Freemasonry, in 1723, was but a few years

earlier, it is evident that the grade was almost if not really co-existent with that reorganization. That in the Ancient Constitutions published by Anderson in 1723, there is much that now only refers to Capitular Masonry justifies the inference that the "Masters part," if a separate Grade was not in existence, must have contained much that is now only known in the Royal Arch Degree."

"The American system of Capitular Masonry was doubtless a combination of the English, Irish, and Scotch systems, and with perhaps the Scottish Rite Capitular degrees, all of them differing in many particulars. Whether it was the genius of Webb that introduced the changes in the American arrangement of the degrees and changes in the ritual, or that it was derived from other sources, will doubtless remain a mystery. The mistake, however, of making Zerubbabel the Prince and ruler of Israel, subservient to the High Priest, is an unaccountable change, the Grand Z. of Grand Jurisdictions other than in the United States being more appropriate and much more correct historically."

The above should interest some of our trans-border Companions who exhibit a desire to wax facetious over our nomenclature.

To Canada for 1905, he devotes nearly four of his pages and favorably reviews our doings.

Under Illinois, he discusses Comp. Warvelle's "whence come ye?"

"With some of his deductions, your committee would, however, express non-concurrence, one of which is that the Royal Arch was originally merely a "chair degree," and that "it consisted of little or nothing more than the communication of the true Master's word. This circumstance, in all probability, was seized upon by Dermott, and by him expanded into a new liturgy, to which was given the high-sounding title, 'Holy Royal Arch.'"

"Although Dermott repeatedly mentions the degree, that is no proof whatever that he was its author. It is also well to bear in mind that the "Antients" was the popular body in England, recognized by the Irish and Scottish Masons, and at the union the United Grand Lodge recognized all of its claims, especially of the Royal Arch. The meagreness in esoteric ritualism is also but an inference derived mostly from the inimical publications of that period."

"It is true that "at first the degree was invariably conferred in the lodges, and it was not until comparatively late in the eighteenth century that Chapters were established under the

superintendency of special officers," but it should also be borne in mind that it was done under Grand Lodge auspices, as is in evidence in the diplomas of that century."

Companion Cunningham is a decided acquisition to the corps and we most gladly welcome his resumption of the quill after an interval that might well be described as a lifetime. May he enjoy many years of vigorous health to enable him to give to his Companions from that store of knowledge which a long period of research has made abundantly rich.

William A. Reiter, Mismisburg, Grand High Priest.

Edwin Hagenbuch, Urbano, Grand Secretary,

Oregon

Chapter . . 28.

Members . .

One of the Chapters failed to make returns to the Grand Secretary, and that officer was unable to determine the total membership.

"Companion Edward Biddle was born at Greece, Monroe County, New York, on December 9, 1844. He is the eldest of six children born unto Edward and Adelaide (Beeby) Biddle, both natives of Canada, the former born in Quebec and the latter in Montreal."

The foregoing from the biographical sketch of Oregon's Grand High Priest for 1905 is indicative that blood will tell. He ably presided over the Forty-fifth Annual Convention at Portland on June 13th, 1906, although he was a year ahead on the birthdays of Grand Chapter.

He was asked what course should be taken to permit a brother who had received the Royal Arch degree in an English Chapter to affiliate with an Oregon Chapter, he being an actual Past Master, but never having received either the Mark Master's degree or Most Excellent Master's degree.

"I answered in effect that it would be necessary to confer the missing degrees, M. M. and M. E. M., in full, upon the applicant. While I feel clear that the course I advised is the proper one, some Chapter Masons of wide experience have not concurred

in my views, claiming that it is only necessary to obligate the brother in the two degrees last mentioned. For this reason I report the matter to this convocation, so that, if desirable, it may be taken up and settled."

The Jurisprudence Committee found his decision in accordance with the law, and approved.

Peace, harmony and prosperity prevails, and while no applications for dispensations for new Chapters have been received, there has been a steady growth of membership, and Chapters are already instituted in all the more important towns in the State.

Business before Grand Chapter was mainly routine, and of little interest to the outsider.

Companion Hodson, as usual, furnishes the gem of the volume, a most excellent review by a "most excellent" reviewer.

Under Alabama he discusses the Past Master degree and claims it as an American landmark. No doubt about that claim. He, however, thinks it might have been profitably omitted if another arrangement other than Webb's had been effected.

"If, at the organization of Royal Arch Masonry in America, the Council degrees of Royal and Select Masters had been made a prerequisite to the Royal Arch, the Past Master omitted, the Most Excellent not invented and the Super-Excellent wiped off the slate, we think it would have been much the better way, would have avoided the necessity of the Council organization and placed the information which all Royal Arch Masons ought to have where it naturally belonged."

Under Canada (1906) which he kindly notices to the extent of four pages, he says: "It has been our understanding that the Past Master originated as an honorary degree in the blue lodge, so long ago that its history cannot be traced, and that at the time of the first introduction of the Royal Arch as a separate degree the usage was established to confer it only upon Past Masters."

That, it must be confessed, was our understanding, too, for a long period, and that was the understanding that Webb, no doubt, seized upon to jack up his introduction of the degree into the system. But people will

go poking into worm eaten lodge chests and musty cupboards and discover things that take the gloss off little fairy tales like that. Research has shown that the Royal Arch was *not* generally conferred as a "chair degree" within the period, say, from 1740 down to the union. That it had been done in occasional instances is also established by certain writers, but the contention that the degree, if it was then a degree, was only conferred upon those who had passed the chair, has very little to rest upon now except a few ancient certificates and the ritualistic statement of the Webb era.

Webb, it must be remembered, was the great luminary of his time, but his orbit was necessarily limited. There was no Correspondence circle to extol or criticize, and the brilliant intellects that were to scintillate a hundred years later in the lands where "poor Lo" then held almost undisputed sway, Canada and Oregon to wit, had yet to be awakened. A wonderful genius was Webb, and he accomplished wonderful things in days when everything moved slowly. His great ambition to alter "the original plan" and fabricate a system which should be all American, was aided by a prevailing sentiment born of the little unpleasantness of a few years previously, and which had its outbreak in the place of his birth. His co-workers, cherishing that feeling, looked upon their leader with an admiration which posterity perpetuates. The schemes of his fertile brain and the creations of his facile quill were alike lauded and accepted. What mattered a brief digression from historical accuracy or the introduction of a glaring anachronism? Nothing, so that it was different from the imported article, and in that respect he achieved success. He lived to see the results of his remarkable labors grow and spread beyond any chance or suspicion of failure, and his system to-day is his monument.

"Passing the chair" is, as Comp. Hudson says, an American landmark, and we are quite willing to let it go at that, and agree with him.

To a remark of ours on the relationship existing between the Grand Chapters and the General Grand he explains :

"That would be all right provided we were actually subordinate; but the bare, naked fact is that the General Grand is the subordinate. Each American Grand Chapter is independent, sovereign, and only goes to the General Grand as a junket and to get sage advice. The General Grand has no power, and if any one of the Grand Chapters chose to withdraw, there is no authority for an edict of punishment. We admit in theory we ought to be subordinate, bearing the same relations to General Grand that Chapters do to their Grand Chapters. We regret such is not the case."

To our reference under Arkansas-as to the necessity of conferring the preliminary degrees upon English or Canadian visitors before admitting them, and whether they would exact a fee for so doing, he says, and we would respectfully request Oregon's near neighbor to take note :

"We understand such has been done by some poorly informed Chapters, but beg to say that nothing of the kind would be done in Oregon. If an English Royal Arch Mason were to call as a visitor on one of our Chapters, it would be necessary to obligate him in the degrees he lacked; then he would be entitled to visit and no fee would be charged."

We are tempted to go on quoting, for his comment everywhere is worth it, but for the knowledge that there is a club in pickle.

Lot L. Pearce, Salem, Grand High Priest.

Jas. F. Robinson, Eugene, Grand Secretary.

Pennsylvania

Chapters . . 127. Members . . 23,869.

The usual quarterly Communications preceded the One hundred and tenth Annual, held on St. John's Day, 27th December, 1905. Comp. J. Henry Williams, M.E. Grand High Priest, presiding at each.

In March the recognition of Western Australia was deferred owing to "lack of further information," and the M.M.M. was exemplified.

The Grand Secretary was directed to send a letter of fraternal sympathy to the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer, Companion Thomas R. Patton, conveying to him

the high regard of his Companions in Grand Chapter assembled with the earnest hope for his speedy recovery. At the June meeting Canada's worthy representative was on hand, but at the subsequent communications Comp. Patton's name does not appear. His Companions did not forget him.

The High Priest of one of the Chapters was reported to have fallen from grace on an accusation and conviction of embezzlement, for which he "went down" for four years. Suspension followed the report, and his Chapter was instructed to prefer charges with a view to further action.

In September notice of an amendment to the Constitution was submitted, which at the next communication the Jurisprudence Committee reported on, offering the following in its stead, which was adopted.

"No member shall be exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason within four weeks from the time when he shall have received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason, and not then unless he shall have had his Mark recorded in the Book of Marks. *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to abridge the prerogatives of the M. E. Grand High Priest relative to the conferring, or causing to be conferred, in his presence, or by his dispensation, any of the degrees of Capitular Masonry."

At the Annual, distinguished Companions from New York and New Jersey were honored visitors.

Among the Grand High Priest's decisions were the following :

"In balloting upon petitions for degrees and membership, or for membership only, the ballot box should be prepared by the Senior Master of Ceremonies, under the direction of the M. E. High Priest; presented by the Senior Master of Ceremonies to the M. E. High Priest, King and Scribe, and then be placed upon the altar."

"No officer can resign his membership from a Chapter during the Masonic year for which he has obligated himself to serve. It would be permitting him to violate his obligation, which cannot for a moment be countenanced."

His visitations, formal and informal, to the Chapters were numerous, over forty, and at each he delivered an address on the lessons taught in the Capitular degrees.

He found the Chapters in excellent working condition. No wonder. The District Deputies, in addition, were active inspectors.

"The year has been all too short for the work in hand. It has been one of pleasure as well as labor, and its pleasure has not been marred by the passing away of our official family."

"Capitular Masonry is not a mere stepping stone to qualify a candidate to receive degrees in other bodies. It is a system of Masonry that can well stand by itself—a useful adjunct in life's work."

Past Grand High Priest Matthias H. Henderson, one of the five gifted Pennsylvanians appointed to review the Capitular world, had Canada, as usual, on his list, and our proceedings of 1905 receive kindly notice and courteous criticism. He is in agreement with us on most things, but on the question of dependent membership, an orthodox doctrine in Pennsylvania, we are far apart.

Companion Bates, another of the quintette, is an advocate of life membership, systematically conducted. Under Illinois he says :

"I am prepared to maintain that, properly regulated, no other feature is so conducive to the welfare of the institution. The fee should be large enough so that the interest thereon would at least pay the Grand Chapter dues of the Life Member. The fees should be at once invested in a Permanent Fund, the income only of which could be available for the Chapter's use."

"These two simple provisions enable the fore-thoughtful member to provide against the blows of adversity and at the same time to build up for the Chapter an interest-bearing fund, from which income is continuously received after the death of those whose fees helped its growth."

To the Kentucky reporter he thus explains their "Past Master," and why there are three Mark lodges :

"The "Degree of Past Master" is not conferred in Pennsylvania Chapters. A member of a Lodge of Master Masons may get a dispensation to "pass the chair," and thus become a virtual Past Master. He can then petition for the M., M. E., and R. A. degrees in the Chapter. You will thus see that there is no restriction as to "actual Past Masters."

"There are but three remaining Mark Lodges in this Jurisdiction, honorable survivors of a once active period in Freemasonry. The Mark degree is rarely conferred in these Mark

Lodges now, as applicants for the Capitular degrees receive the Mark, Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees in the Chapter."

The "nearest Chapter" is not mandatory in Pennsylvania. To the Virginian reporter who had stated the usual "half-way" regulation, Companion Hughes thus explains the home method, and we must confess it appeals to us as reasonable :

"In Pennsylvania, the fact that a petitioner does not reside nearest to the Chapter to which he applies is no barrier in the way to him making application to that Chapter, but the Chapter receiving the application must make inquiry of the Chapter nearest the petitioner's residence, whether it has any Masonic objection to their acting on the application. Due notice must be given to all the members of the Chapter nearest his residence of the question asked and also stating that at that stated meeting a ballot will be had on the question. If five blackballs are cast, a Masonic objection will be established. That will stop all proceedings in the Chapter to which application was made. This may, probably, require a little more time than territorial Chapter limitations takes, but it permits the petitioner to choose his Masonic home, and the fact that it requires five black balls to establish a Masonic objection sufficiently safeguards the petitioner against one who might feel inclined to rebuke him for passing by the nearest Chapter."

J. Henry Williams, Philadelphia, Grand High Priest.

Chas. Carey, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

Quebec

Chapters . . 11.

Members . . 1,018.

"A net increase of fifty-two over the previous year, and while this increase is not equal to that of the preceding year, it is well to bear in mind that a large increase in membership is not always a sure and positive sign of a favorable progress."

Comparatively, this is a most gratifying showing, and Grand Z. H. E. Channell was not far astray in declaring "the standing of the Order to be in a most satisfactory and prosperous condition, with a good healthy increase."

The neat little volume which records the doings of the Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation held on the 27th

March, 1906, is prefaced by a good portrait of John McLean, the incoming Grand Z., and if looks count for anything the affairs of Quebec's Grand Chapter for the current term are in excellent custody.

M. Ex. Comp. Edson Fitch, M. Ex. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers, M.E. Comp. Hon. J. V. Ellis, R. E. Comp. G. O. Tyler, P.G.H., and R. Ex. Comp. H. Griffith, sent letters of apology for absence.

Grand Z. Channell was satisfied with the present, and optimistic withal.

"More care is being taken in all the Chapters in the selection of the material brought up for inspection; and a greater interest is shown in the exemplification of the work. This is due chiefly to the fact that we have a perfect uniformity of work in all our subordinate Chapters.

"Having adopted a standard ritual of our own, our work has in consequence become practically uniform.

"A complete set of banners has been selected, and thus, with a proper arrangement of our Chapter rooms we present a united front, where peace, harmony, and uniformity prevail."

Astonishing what a little decoration will accomplish. He was asked whether it was necessary to open a Chapter on its regular meeting night, when they had work only on the intermediate degrees :

"I gave my opinion that the Charter or Warrant under which they were working was granted to the Chapter, therefore the Chapter should be first opened, in order to make all their business and proceedings legal, after which they could open on the other Degrees for the purpose of work."

Which, of course, was eminently proper. He was asked for only two dispensations, both necessary, another proof of the advancing intelligence of the ruling element in the private Chapters.

Remarking on the attitude of the baby Grand Chapter of New Mexico in abolishing the Grand Representative system, he said :

"The office of Grand Representative has been assailed many times, by different Grand Bodies, as being useless and unnecessary, and given only as an additional honor without sufficient services being rendered by those holding that high and important office."

"I deem it better to change the Representative rather than the system."

Therein he is right. The different, or rather "differing," Grand Bodies amount to "three or four," and they must feel in a chilly minority. We have always felt regret that Michigan should have descended to the infant class.

He consoled himself for inability to visit by the knowledge that the Grand Lecturer did his whole duty. Yet he managed to drop in once or twice and enjoyed himself.

"I was obliged to decline, very much to my regret, a most pressing invitation from the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, to be present at their Annual Convocation held at Toronto, January 24th, 1906. My thanks are due to the Most Ex. the Grand Z. Most Ex. Companion Wm. Roaf, for his courteous invitation."

The Grand Superintendent's reports indicate that their charges are doing well.

The Grand Scribe E.'s report was as clear as it was concise. The cash balance is healthy.

The report of the Grand Lecturer revealed a Companion who was fully alive to his responsibilities.

"In my official visits I found a somewhat strange order of things obtaining in several of the Chapters. It was the holding of what may be called independent lodges for the conferring of the intermediate degrees; *independent*, in the sense that the Chapter in some cases was not opened, while in other cases, the Chapter had been regularly opened, but was duly closed before the conferring upon the candidate of the intermediate degrees."

"Believing that lodges of M. M. M., P. M. and M. E. M. are *dependent* lodges of the Chapter, and being at a loss to understand how the minutes recording the conferring of intermediate degrees which was carried out after the Chapter was duly closed, could be entered in the minute book of the Chapter. I gave as my opinion "That at all stated or emergent convocations the Chapter should be regularly opened, after which it could be 'called off' for the purpose of conferring an intermediate degree or degrees, and at the completion of this work, the Chapter would be 'called on' and when the Z. desired, would be closed in form." I reported my opinion thus given to the M. E. the G. Z. through the M. E. the G. S. E. for his official ruling. I desire to add that the Ex. Comp's. received this opinion of mine, in a pleasant

and courteous manner, explaining that their action was based upon a R. A. Monitor published in the City of Toronto some twenty years ago."

The Grand Lecturer brought forward the question of head-dress for the officers during the conferring of the various degrees, and asked Grand Chapter whether head-dress should be recognized, and if so, he considered it advisable for Grand Chapter to lay down some uniform style. After considerable discussion, it was resolved: that the question of head-dress for the use of the officers of the subordinate Chapters be referred to a Committee to report at next Annual Convocation.

Prince Consort Lodge, No. 52, A.F. & A.M., holding their monthly communications that evening in the temple, sent a deputation, who invited the Companions of Grand Chapter to supper after the Grand Chapter was closed. The invitation was courteously accepted. A large number of the Companions availing themselves of the courtesy, spent a very enjoyable evening.

M. E. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers again furnishes his welcome report on Correspondence. He has a kindly notice of Canada for 1906, and quotes our views on dependent membership so fully that we believe he is "wid us," Opening his review, he pertinently says:—

"If we would cause our degrees to be appreciated at their proper value they should be made just as difficult of attainment as those of Symbolical or Chivalrous Masonry are. So beautiful and instructive is the Capitular System that it should be fully understood that there is no place in it for those who seek to enter it only as a passageway to something beyond, and without regard to its own lofty and elevating symbolism and teachings."

"True, O King"—and let us add—"Long may he reign.

John McLean, Montreal, Grand Z.

Will. H. Whyte, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

Scotland

Chapters .. 233.

Members ..

Since the Quarterly Convocation in December, 1905. held in Royal Arch Mason's Hall, Edinburgh,

Supreme Grand Chapter has undergone a period of events.

On that occasion, it having been officially advised that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had, for good reason, expelled Bro. R. Lee Bryce, a M. M. of Lodge Rifle, Edinburgh, No. 405; a Companion of Chapter Naval and Military, No. 40; and Past Prov. Grand Scribe E. of the District Grand Chapter of Queensland, the Grand Chapter followed suit. Companion Bryce belonged to a family that had done a good deal for Freemasonry, and it was with very great regret that the action was taken.

The Grand Superintendent for New South Wales reported having, at Cootamundra, N. S. W., duly constituted and dedicated Chapter "Cootamundra St. John," No. 322, and installed the office-bearers.

In Supreme Committee a petition was received for a Charter at Zeerust, Transvaal, S. A., to be named the "John E. Frost" Chapter. It was resolved, after considerable discussion as to the propriety of naming Chapters after living persons, to recommend that a charter be granted on condition that the name adopted be not a personal name.

As "John E." was nominated as the first Z. he will no doubt be disappointed at missing this chance of immortality.

It was unanimously resolved, in the interest of the loyal Chapters in Western Australia, to recommend the appointment of M. E. Companion Henry Harold Paynter, P. P. Z., as Grand Superintendent for that district.

On consideration of a communication "from the so-called Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia," requesting Supreme Grand Chapter to reconsider its refusal to recognize that body, it was resolved to decline recognition in terms of former resolution.

All this was approved by the Quarterly Convocation on the 7th March following.

A report from one of the provinces announced the reawakening of a Chapter at Bathgate, long dormant. This is noted from the fact that phraseology is employed that, while no doubt correct, is seldom, if ever, heard this side of the pond.

"The ceremony of reposal being completed, the Grand Superintendent, acting as M. E. Z. in the newly reposed Chapter, proceeded to the exaltation of ten Master Masons to the Royal Arch Degree."

In another case, at subsequent date, we are informed through the medium of a resolution that in "consequence of a failure and refusal of Ex-Companion —— to obtemper the orders of Prov. Grand Chapter," etc., etc.

At this Convocation the receipt of the "Proceedings" of the Grand Chapter of Canada, with others, was acknowledged, and Sir Allan Mackenzie, Grand Z., was unanimously re-nominated for office.

The Grand Scribe E. appends a list of fees received from Chapters in which is observed. No. 120, Victoria B. C., 15 registrations, etc., £8 17s. od.

The Annual Convocation on the 21st March was marked by a very interesting event, viz., the presentation of his portrait in oils to the veteran and beloved Grand Scribe E., Companion R. S. Brown.

At the opening the Earl of Haddington, P. G. Z., presided, and later Sir Allan Mackenzie was escorted to the Hall and installed.

A report was read which stated that a new Chapter was constituted at Ladysmith, in Natal, and Grand Scribe E. announced that he had received petitions from three Chapters north of the Orange River, South Africa, praying for the appointment of a Grand Superintendent for Central South Africa, embracing the Orange River Colony, Griqualand West, and Bechuanaland.

The Grand Z. then presented the portrait to Grand Scribe E., whose services to Grand Chapter he extolled

in terms which were echoed by the large assemblage present.

Companion Brown feelingly responded to the kind words said of him. He expressed gratitude to his many Companions and friends, and to the Chapters at home and abroad, which had so handsomely subscribed towards this presentation.

A very fine print of the painting was secured by Companion Brown, who thoughtfully sent a copy to each Chapter. We were more than pleased to receive one of them, which has been duly "framed and hung," a valued memento of a worthy Mason and a dear friend.

Supreme Grand Chapter was thereafter closed in "ample and solemn form," and the Companions adjourned to the dining hall to celebrate the Festival of the Vernal Equinox, the M. E. the First Grand Principal, Sir Allan Mackenzie, Bart., presiding. It fell to the lot of Ex-Companion Rev. John Kerr, not unknown in Canada, to propose the health of R. E. Companion Brown.

"He said to himself, 'Print no volume of sermons and theology, go in for inhumanity.' It is broader than them all." In that spirit he loved the brotherhood of Freemasonry. Had the M. E. Past Grand Principal (the Earl of Haddington) not been such an excellent curler, things might have been otherwise. He was getting better and younger every year. In Canada, many friendships had been made. Scribe E. had helped him by initiating him into the Cork Degree mysteries for example. Scribe E's. name was a password."

The Grand Scribe E., in the course of his remarks, referred to the occasion as the proudest day of his life and acknowledged Companion Kerr's compliments in kind.

"The pleasure of having Comp. Kerr with them, and his delightful speech, would alone have made the occasion enjoyable. He could not reply to all the kind things that had been said about him. He was glad to know that he had been of some service to his esteemed friend, when he went to Canada. Comp. Kerr had published an elaborate work on his tour through that Dominion. He was not only highly esteemed in his own profession, but also among curlers and Masons. He had shown himself to be above all things a man. There was no better nor more respected minister in Bonnie Scotland than Comp. Kerr."

Alas, that was to be the last occasion on which the Grand Z. would preside over Grand Chapter. Death came suddenly on the 19th August, and Sir Allan Russell Mackenzie, second baronet, of Glenmuick, sleeps with his fathers.

"The funeral took place from Brackley House to the family burying-ground at Glenmuick, where an impressive funeral service was held, in addition to that at the house. The funeral cortege included not only the relatives, but a large number of the land owners of the district and representatives from many public bodies with whose work our late First Grand Principal was so very much identified. The body was carried to its last resting-place by bearers representing the tenantry, employees, and different public bodies, including the Freemasons of Ballater."

Sir Allan was the representative in Supreme Grand Chapter of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and the tidings of his unexpected passing away came as a most regretful surprise.

A peculiar complication arose in New South Wales, where Supreme Grand Chapter had clothed a new Provincial Grand Chapter with governing authority. This action was resented by the former Provincial Secretary, who declined to surrender certain records, and also by two of the Chapters whose officers declared they owed allegiance to none but the headquarters in Scotland. All of them proving obstinate, the Grand Superintendent reported the matter and recommended the expulsion of the former Secretary and the withdrawal of the two Charters, which recommendation the Supreme Committee was prompt to endorse, with the additional clause,

"That the Provincial Grand Chapter of New South Wales be duly authorized to act for Supreme Grand Chapter in all cases of seditious action on the part of Companions or Chapters refusing to comply with instructions of Supreme Grand Chapter."

Alfred A. Murray, Edinburgh, Deputy Grand Z.

Robert S. Brown, Edinburgh, Grand Scribe E.

South Carolina

Chapters . . . 23.

Members . . . 1,221.

It was in Charleston, and on the 14th February, 1905, that the Ninety-fourth Annual Convocation met,

without the presence of Grand High Priest J. E. McDonald. His engagements elsewhere were of a public nature. Frank E. Harrison, his Deputy, presided and presented his absent chief's address.

Among the names, in his list of distinguished dead, were noted those of two Past Grand officers of Grand Chapter, namely : M. E. Past Grand High Priest James A. Hoyt and R. E. Past Deputy Grand High Priest Eli H. Gasque.

He stated that the past year had been the most flourishing and prosperous in the history of the Craft for many, many years. "So far as I have been informed, peace, good will, and fraternal love and friendship prevail."

He made only one official visitation during the year. Invitations were received from many of the subordinate Chapters and it was a source of personal regret to him that he could not accept them. His failure to visit them, officially, did not arise from a lack of desire, but simply from inability to find a suitable and convenient time to make such visits.

"I rejoice in the fact that the banner of Royal Arch Masonry in South Carolina floats higher to-day than at any time in many years. With this Convocation, my official relation, as Grand High Priest, comes to an end. Thrice have you honored me with the highest office in your power to bestow. To say that I thank you, from the depths of my heart, for these marks of your love, esteem and confidence does not measure the fullness or depth of my gratitude and appreciation."


"Hear hear."—And the Committee commended him for his "unwearied zeal." After all that, it was refreshing to read the report of Grand Secretary Barron who has been laboring for his Grand Chapter for years for 'love,' or as near to it as decency will permit a comparsion.

"As usual, I have visited a number of Chapters and given them such assistance as I could. I still love to mingle with my Companions and labor with them in our noble and glorious work. Indeed, these visits are veritable oases along the journey of life, where I find hearty welcome and abundant cheer."

His report on Correspondence is not lengthy, but it is a fairly comprehensive review and his comments are always couched in kindly garb.

Under Canada for 1904, he was quick to observe what one correspondent described "a peculiar graft" on the part of Washington.

"Surely there must be some mistake about this, for we can hardly think our Washington Companions would charge a fee to "heal" a Companion from a jurisdiction having no Past Master's degree."

 Discussing Iowa, he pertinently remarks on the "substitute" question, and we agree heartily.

"We have never been able to appreciate the reason for a few Grand Chapters forbidding the use of substitutes. It seems a sacrifice of the good of the Chapter to carry out a symbolism that can be just as clearly illustrated with substitutes. Indeed, we suspect that the importance of three and only three is more emphatically and indelibly impressed upon the mind of a candidate when he finds an old member going through the ceremonies with him as a candidate. We have before attempted to show how such a rule is unreasonable in many sections, frequently cooling the ardor of one or two candidates wearily waiting for the coveted third, etc."

Frank E. Harrison, Abbeville, Grand High Priest.

Jacob T. Barron, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

South Dakota

Chapters . . 29.

Members . . 2,001.

John K. Kutnewsky, of Redfield, presided as Grand High Priest over the Seventeenth Annual Convocation, at Sioux Falls, on June 14, 1906, and addressing the Companions, deplored the loss by death of Samuel J. Moore, who was Grand High Priest in 1902.

Two Chapters got into deep water and were compelled to surrender their charters.

He decided that Chapter members from Grand Chapters that do not confer the Past Master's degree may be admitted to all Chapter degrees except the Past Master's.

During the year he received many invitations to attend Masonic gatherings in different parts of the United States but was unable to attend any of them. Well, considering the territory it would be rather expecting too much.

Grand Secretary Pettigrew reported the Chapters punctual with their returns. First time in years.

Also that the new manual was received and distributed. There was some grumbling from the Chapters at the inartistic production. The Committee admitted that the make-up, binding and typographical appearance did not reflect credit upon its publishers ; " but the lack of an official manual was so keenly felt that even with its imperfections it is gladly hailed and received by the Craft as a means for uniformity in work and ceremonies."

The craft of Sioux Falls was complimented and thanked for fraternal courtesies and Grand Chapter closed with former Grand Secretary Pettigrew wielding the gavel.

The presentation of jewels is a big event in the jurisdiction. Over six pages of the volume are devoted to narrations of the events in connection with three of these functions.

Companion Levoy's report on Correspondence is as usual, crisp and chatty. He gives to our 1906 proceedings a page including illustration.

Geo. A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand High Priest.

Louis G. Levoy, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

Tennessee

Chapters . . 77.

Members . . 3,551.

If anything remarkably exciting came before the Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation at Nashville on the 29th January, 1906, it is not recorded in the volume of proceedings. Even Grand High Priest W. D. Good omitted everything startling or descriptively ornate, and his address of three pages is barren of news.

True, his health was bad for a long period of the year, so that his activity was impaired.

Three new Chapters were born, and the others were reported upon favorably.

When Scotland recognizes the baby Grand Chapter of Western Australia, Tennessee will follow suit.

Canada's Tennesseean was not among the Grand Representatives who responded to roll call.

During the session, the Grand High Priest received notice of the death of Companion John S. Pride, who resided at Culleoka, Tennessee. Deceased was Grand High Priest in 1877.

Companion Jas. H. McClister, P. G. H. P., is again the reporter and furnishes 87 pages of conscientious review, Canada for 1905 sharing with others in his expressions of praise and good will.

He thought, and there are many who think with him, that the ruling out of a brother's application because he unfortunately maimed his right hand was coming it "a little too strong."

Geo. L. Cowan, Franklin, Grand High Priest.

Wm. A. Clendening, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

Texas

Chapters .. 188.

Members .. 11,622.

On the 5th December, 1905, at Waco, 126 Representatives of subordinate Chapters responded, to the roll call and the Grand High Priest proceeded to open the Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter with full ceremony.

A gap in the ranks of the Past Grand High Priests was made by the death of Companion Peyton Nowlin, who ruled well and faithfully in 1882.

Dispensations were issued for eight new Chapters, and one was refused to temporarily remove the Chapter from the City of Mexico, in the Republic, to El Oro, fifty miles distant, and confer the degrees on six candidates, residing there, who could not conveniently go to the City of Mexico to receive them."

For violating the law by remitting the degree fees, Brandon Chapter was relieved from further labour by the Grand High Priest—but all was forgiven later.

He was an active ruler, was Eugene T. Murchison, and in his efforts to visit Chapters in all sections of the jurisdiction he travelled over seven thousand miles.

The Deputy Grand High Priest reported that he had received no applications for dispensations or to make decisions on Capitular Law. His chief apparently enjoyed a monopoly of these privileges.

The needs of the Texas Masonic Home received a large share of attention and a list of generous contributions from the Chapters is published.

Sam. P. Cochran, the incoming Grand High Priest, delivered a highly ornate address on his installation. That he obeyed the injunction to "search the Scriptures" is made manifest and his reasoning therefrom is interesting, if not unique. The relegation of Zerubbabel to second place in the United States system he justifies from his own peculiar reading of sacred history.

"While Moses was the leader of Israel, by God's direction, his brother Aaron was made first High Priest, as God's representative before the people. Thereby it was intended to direct the minds of the people to God's supremacy over all worldly conditions, and the greater importance of spiritual than of secular control and direction; and this elevation of the spiritual above the worldly or civil government is further typified in our constitution of Royal Arch Chapters at this day, where we place the High Priest Joshua above Zerubbabel, the Prince and Governor, and Haggai, the Scribe. This Joshua, whom we thus represent, was not the Joshua who succeeded Moses as the civil and military leader of Israel. At the time of the destruction of the Temple at Jerusalem, the acting High Priest, Seraiah, was taken captive by Nabuzaradan, the General in command, and slain by order of Nebuchadnezzar. His son, Jehozadak, or Josedach, was carried away to Babylon, where he died; and his son, Jeshua, or Joshua, succeeded him as High Priest, and co-operated zealously with Zerubbabel and Haggai in restoring the Israelitish polity and rebuilding the Temple, when the people were liberated by Cyrus and allowed to return to Jerusalem. It is this Joshua, the High Priest, whom we commemorate by making the first officer of our Royal Arch Chapter a High Priest, and placing him higher in authority than the King and Scribe, his associates in Council."

Past Grand High Priest J. C. Kidd presented to the retiring Grand High Priest a Past Grand High Priest's jewel as a token of esteem from the Grand Chapter, with appropriate remarks.

Canada's Representative in Texas, Companion W. A. Scott, presents his second report on Correspondence, in which is included Canada for 1905. Our present condition and prospects are fairly and kindly reflected in his very comprehensive review. Noting the Grand Z.'s reference to the admission of over a hundred applicants to the Mark degree on one and the same occasion, he pertinently inquires :

"Such a sight was no doubt inspiring, but was the work as well done as if one candidate had entered alone? Were the lessons of the degree as forcibly impressed and the moral obligations as perfectly taught, shared among so many, as they would have been if given to one at a time? And how about those words of caution just spoken a few moments ago. "There are times when I fear we are too eager to fill the quarries with unskilful and inefficient workmen, making the price of those degrees so cheap that many enter to gratify a morbid curiosity or a mere selfish ambition"? In Texas, this could not be done. The degree of Mark Master can be conferred only upon one candidate at a time."

He quotes the writer's views on the Texas practice with regard to Chapters which display a passing neglect in the matter of meeting, and enters into a lengthy defence of the system which, however, fails to convince us that the action of forfeiture and seizing the effects are not dampers on future enthusiasm.

Sam. P. Cochran, Dallas, Grand High Priest.

John A. Bryan, Cleburne, Grand Secretary.

Vermont

Chapters — 29.

Members .. 3,658.

The Eighty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont was opened in ample form at Burlington on the 15th June, 1906, by M. E. Grand High Priest Delos M. Bacon, assisted by the Grand officer, Companion Rev. Charles F. Partidge, Grand Chaplain, officiating at the altar.

A distinguished visitor was present in the person of Companion Martin H. Rice, Past Grand High Priest of Indiana. He was cordially welcomed and escorted to a seat in the Grand East.

In addressing the Companions the Grand High Priest said in opening :

"Burdens come to us, to some of us most heavily, each year. May our burdens be borne with fortitude and with unfaltering faith in the Great I AM, who sustaineth when all earthly comfort and consolation fail. With grateful hearts we bow in humble praise and gratitude to Him "from whom all blessings flow." To me, a deeper than ordinary sense of thankfulness is given, in that an infinite and merciful God has spared to me a dear and only son, who has recently passed through a critical and dangerous illness, and I know that you will rejoice with me in humble adoration to Him for His mercy and goodness."

He submitted a ruling to the effect that "non-affiliation in lodge, occasioned by dimit, does not affect membership in Chapter, nor abridge, in any degree former rights or privileges."

He remarked that some of the Chapters complained of being overtaxed and gave it as his opinion that the dues to the Grand Chapter should be reduced, but as the Chapters do not pay a per capita the Committee did not consider it.

At a district Convocation at Newport, February 15th, he had "the exquisite pleasure of meeting that whole-souled, genial Companion, H. E. Channell, Grand Z of the Grand Chapter of the Province of Quebec. Having had a former acquaintance with him whom his friends and associates know as "Ned," the meeting was a most pleasurable and enjoyable one."

Referring to San Francisco's terrible calamity he said, "such generous relief has been contributed by lodges and commanderies and by all men through other channels, that it has not been deemed necessary to act separately as Royal Arch Masons."

He promptly brought to notice the utterly inadequate remuneration received by the painstaking Grand Secre-

tary, and recommended that the salary be doubled. In this he was supported by the Committee.

The Committee on Jewels reported the presentation of a Past Grand High Priest's decoration to Companion Daniel Payson.

A Committee was appointed to decide upon a uniform paraphernalia for the Chapters in conferring the R. A. degree.

The Grievances Committee had nothing to engage attention and so reported.

The Grand Lecturer's and District Deputies' reports made interesting reading. The jurisdiction is well looked after.

M. E. Companion Marsh O. Perkins is again to the fore with an admirable report on Correspondence, and is up to date with Canada for 1906, which receives a kind and impartial review. To his Companions of Vermont his labours must be as welcome as they are instructive.

David A. Elliott, White River Jct., Grand High Priest
Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Victoria

At a Quarterly Convocation held at Freemasons' Hall, Collins Street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, 19th October, 1904, a report from the General Purposes Committee expressed the opinion that certain alterations in the General Regulations with regard to the Constitution of the Committee on General Purposes and the appointment of Grand Chapter officers are necessary, and an Ex. Companion drew attention to the practice of some Companions of wearing Royal Arch regalia at meetings other than the Grand Chapter or regular Convocations of Chapters.

The M.E. the First Grand Principal replied that the matter was one for the Committee of General Purposes

to which he would refer it, and that he strongly disapproved of the practice.

At the January Convocation following a Companion asked the ruling of the M.E. the First Grand Principal as to the proper method to be adopted by Companions when addressing the Chair.

The M.E. the First Grand Principal said that he considered it only necessary to stand to order when commencing or finishing a speech, which was the custom in the Supreme Grand Chapter of England.

At the April Convocation Canada's printed "proceedings" were acknowledged.

A letter having been received from a country Chapter, stating the impossibility of its paying off the arrears due to Grand Chapter, and asking that the amount be written off, failing which, the Chapter would have to be closed, the Committee investigated the matter, and finding fair prospects of the Chapter being restored to a good working position, recommended that the request be granted.

The General Purposes Committee, in its report read at the July Convocation, expressed a desire to draw the attention of First Principals of Chapters to the regulation that "No Freemason shall be exalted to this degree, unless he has been a Master Mason for six calendar months at least, and is a subscribing member of a lodge, of which satisfactory proof shall be given."

The Committee decided that a banquet should follow the "Grand Annual Festival," the price of tickets to be 2s. 6d. each; also, that all Companions be admitted to the Installation ceremony and the banquet.

The V.E. the Grand Treasurer stated that the balance to credit of Grand Chapter was £171 9s. 10d.

M.E. Comp. J. D. Drew, P.G.Z., and Canada's worthy Grand Representative, moved that the Committee of General Purposes be requested to consider the question of procuring a banner for Grand Chapter, and to report.

All business being ended, the Grand Chapter was closed in "Ample, Antient, and Solemn Form."

Thomas Lambert, Melbourne, Grand Z.

John Braim, Melbourne, Grand Scribe E.

Virginia

Chapters . . 52

Members . . 4,348.

Grand High Priest Sol. Louis Bloomberg, in opening his address to the Ninety-eighth Annual Convocation at Richmond on the 24th October, 1905, remarked that "the hands upon the dial of the Universe mark the passage of another year," and two more circles of that dial will see Virginia celebrating her centenary.

He declined to grant a number of dispensations applied for to ballot out of time.

"No chain is stronger than its weakest link," so each Chapter is gauged according to its membership, and one unworthy member is calculated to bring the whole Chapter from the high and lofty position which it should occupy, to the standing of that one unworthy member."

The manner in which the R.A. degree was being conferred by some of the Chapters gave him much concern, and he endeavored to check, if possible, the levity and by-play indulged in by some of the Companions, upon whom we have indeed "labored in vain and spent our strength for nought."

A copy of a resolution dealing with the matter, and adopted in 1900, was sent to the Chapters. It declared that "any disregard of this resolution by officers or companions shall be deemed un-Masonic conduct and treated accordingly."

He issued a dispensation for a new Chapter at Berkeley.

An interesting and exhaustive report was presented by Grand Lecturer Hubard, which amply demonstrated the zeal and fidelity of that worthy Companion.

Seven jewels at \$75.00 each were procured during the year for seven worthy recipients, Past Grand High Priests. One of them, M.E. Comp. Lee, was present—

"Bending beneath the weight of more than three score and ten years, leaning upon his crutch and cane, with trembling limbs and feeble voice he accepted the beautiful jewel, and gave expression of the sincere gratitude of his heart for the precious token of esteem and love from his Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia. Companion Lee stated that this was the fiftieth anniversary of his exaltation as a R. A. Mason, and gave the Companions a very interesting account of some of his rich experiences as a Royal Arch Mason of half a century."

The city of Norfolk, where Grand Chapter was formed claimed the right to have the centenary celebration in 1907. This was conceded, and to help out the success of the affair a per capita of 25 cents for two years was recommended.

Comp. Chas. Nesbitt furnishes the review of the proceedings of sister jurisdictions. Canada for 1904 receiving kind notice. Why he had not the volume for 1905 before him is to us a matter of surprise, as it was mailed many months prior to Virginia's Convocation.

Samuel W. Thompson, Culpeper, Grand High Priest.

Jas. B. Blanks, Petersburg, Grand Secretary.

Washington

Chapters . . . 26

Members . . . 2,146

The M. E. Grand High Priest Otis A. Crampton, assisted by the proper officers, opened the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington in Ample Form, at Spokane, on June 18, 1906.

The year was uneventful. Prosperity and peace prevailed, and harmony has been undisturbed.

Thomas Milburne Reed, P.G.H.P., died on Saturday, October 7, 1905, almost at the stroke of "LOW TWELVE." He had been failing in health for months and was unable to attend the annual meetings of the Grand bodies of Masonry held in June last. He was a past Grand Master, and at the time of his death was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge. At the formation of Grand Chapter he was chosen its first Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. made four rulings one of which would not find favour in other jurisdictions, viz., that a Companion's initials, in the form of a monogram, may constitute a mark, and a very appropriate one.

The Grand Secretary reported a net gain of 116 for the year. He recommended that two hundred copies of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, together with the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter and the decisions of this Grand Chapter, be printed.

A very ornate address by the Grand Orator concluded the forenoon session, and routine business occupied the afternoon.

A committee of three was appointed next day to formulate a lecture for each of the three degrees of the Royal Arch Chapter, said committee to report at the next Annual Convocation.

Rev. Comp. Pelan was congratulated by the Grand Secretary on his ability to be present and fill his station as Grand Chaplain, the venerable Companion replying with words of advice and encouragement.

Grand Secretary Blalock contributes the Correspondence report, and, under Canada for 1906, reproduces the writer's comments on Washington's singular regulation in charging a visiting Companion for a missing degree, and merely adds :

We will say that our opinion amounts to but little at home or abroad, but we fail to see where "justice or comity" calls upon the Companions of Washington to confer the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Degrees or any of them upon a Companion without fee in order that he may be privileged to visit our Chapters. We feel that he would be getting something for nothing as we do not consider them "USELESS DEGREES" and hence we charge our regular candidates for conferring them why should we donate them to our Companions across the line?

Which, being interpreted, means that the desire for "kopecks" is greater than that for fraternity. If Companion Blalock voices the sentiment of his Grand Chapter then we have nothing further to say. As a careful reviewer, he must see that Washington's position in this matter is one of "splendid isolation." If that

appeals to him as something to be proud of then he is welcome to the enjoyment. "There are none so blind as those who will not see." The situation he creates is now one, not for continued argument, but, in face of the above cold blooded statement, an object of sincere pity. With our best wishes for his success in the accumulation of that which he holds to be preferable, and for ultimate change of heart, we leave him.

Richard S. Nicholls, Seattle, Grand High Priest.

Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla, Grand Secretary.

West Virginia

Chapters . . 30.

Members . . 3,476.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held in Masonic Temple in the City of Charleston, on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1905, with a Hiram in the chair, and he apparently lived up to the traditions of that significant cognomen. He reported that nothing out of the ordinary had occurred during the past year in the jurisdiction affecting the interests of Royal Arch Masonry unfavorably. The same peace and harmony has existed that has prevailed for many years, and the reports from the Chapters show a steady growth in membership.

Grand High Priest Hiram R. Howard was a zealous ruler who cherished views on many vital subjects, and was not slow to give them voice.

"Permit me to remark, that it appears to me that in these latter days many newly-obligated Companions do not evince the same interest, the same enthusiasm as was manifested by the younger members of our Chapters less than a quarter of a century ago."

"No doubt you have heard, as I have, the plea made for the importance of holding a Chapter meeting and "hurrying up" the work, that the candidate "wants to join the Commandery" or something else, by such and such a time. He is rushed through the several degrees at meteoric speed and turned out upon the Masonic world a full-fledged and regularly exalted Royal Arch Mason, without any knowledge whatever of the ritualistic ceremonies through which he has been hurried."

He was severe on Chapter secretaries who procrastinated with their returns to Grand Chapter.

Morgantown Companions petitioned for a Chapter and were accommodated.

The degrees of Select and Royal Master are essential to membership in a Chapter in West Virginia, and a Royal Arch Mason hailing from a sister jurisdiction who has not received them has the privilege of visitation in a Chapter, and can participate in the organization and work in any degrees he has received, but is ineligible to membership in a subordinate Chapter and cannot hold an office in one within this Grand jurisdiction without first having had said degrees duly conferred upon him.

Query.—Would a Royal Arch Mason hailing from a sister jurisdiction, who has not received the P.M. or M.E.M. degree, be entitled to the same privilege?

An objector to the conferring of the degrees upon a candidate after unanimous ballot, voluntarily made known his reasons therefor, and it appears that they grew out of business transactions of nineteen years' standing. He agreed to withdraw his objection if paid a trifling sum of money which he claimed was due him from a partnership firm of which the candidate was a member.

The Grand High Priest decided that the objector was guilty of a Masonic offence, and should be disciplined.

"I characterized it as such a contemptible proposition that I could scarcely credit it as emanating from a Companion Mason, and certainly not from a worthy one. It was a cold-blooded, mercenary, heartless attempt to use the cloak of Masonry for the base and sordid purpose of collecting a doubtful debt. It was the "stand and deliver" of the highwayman. Business matters and differences between brethren and Companions have no place in Lodge or Chapter, and are not to be tolerated for a moment; but when a Companion so far forgets and violates his repeated Masonic obligations in this respect as to propose to barter away his sacred privilege as a Mason and a member of a Chapter and turn the institution into a collecting agency, then it becomes such a grave Masonic offence that it cannot be overlooked by his Chapter."

Grand Secretary Reed presented his first report, and it covered the ground completely. It dealt with local matters mainly, but its composition revealed a worker, and must have impressed the Companions that they made no mistake in their selection.

Only two Chapters asked for the Grand Lecturer's assistance, and he assumed from this that all the other Chapters of West Virginia were proficient in the ritual.

The Committee to whom the application was referred advised that, "out of abundant courtesy to our sister Grand Chapter of Scotland, recognition of Western Australia be deferred for the present."

An introduction to his well-written report on Correspondence is not considered necessary by Companion J. D. Baines. His review of Canada for 1905 is analytical and kind. Especially does he notice favorably the system of visitation.

He has a few pages of well thought out "Remarks," at the close which well repay perusal, nor does he fail to criticize his own jurisdiction where he considers it necessary. Here are a few of his pithy "Remarks":

"The Grand High Priest made a mistake in appointing us, if we were expected to "prophesy smooth things." We now repeat, with added emphasis, that West Virginia is sadly lacking in the matter of official visitation of its subordinate Chapters.

"Some of the Grand Chapters are poor; some have "money to burn"; in which last case the temptation to burn it is very strong."

"Can any one give a good reason why a Chapter should have a number?"

"There is about as much necessity for giving Chapters numbers as for giving every town in West Virginia a number."

"If the business which sometimes arises between Grand Chapters were conducted through the Grand Representatives, there might be some reason for their existence."

"However fraternal Grand Chapters may be in other respects, they have never "gotten together" in the matter of spelling. Some of them use *veils*; others, *vails*. Some provide for *dimitting* members; others, for *demitting*. Some have *tilers*; others, *tylers*."

"Why should a Grand Chapter enact a code of laws, and then permit its chief executive officer to dispense with the operation of one of these laws at his discretion?"

"Consistency is a jewel, but in Capitular Masonry it does not cut as much figure as the jewel of a Past Grand."

"All intelligent Masons confess that there are many absurdities in the mere mechanical structure of the Institution. Some of them are, however, grave and regrettable."

"We have a King in a High Priest's place, a High Priest in a King's place, and a Prophet in a Scribe's place. The English order is Zerubbabel, Haggai and Jeshua. The English system is rational. But those who manufactured the American system got confused as to these three Bible characters."

"The Mark must be a *device*, and a *different device* for every Mark Master. It may not be initials nor a monogram. This demands *originality*, which is not the gift of all men. The true solution of the trouble is to *furnish the initiate with a Mark*."

"Except in America the degree of Past Master is regarded only as an installation degree. It really has no proper place in the Chapter."

"It is somewhat surprising how readily newly manufactured degrees are adopted into the body of Masonry. They have a way of edging in unconsciously."

"What is called the "American System" is based on the idea that the chief officer of a Chapter is a *High Priest*. Foreign Chapters are constructed upon an entirely different theory; they do not regard their principal officer as being, or representing, a High Priest. Even the word itself is unknown to their Capitular nomenclature. Hence, the Order of High Priesthood is not known outside of the United States. It is a purely American invention."

"Some American Grand Jurisdictions are holding back recognition of New Zealand and Western Australia because these Grand Chapters confer a lot of degrees of which we know nothing; overlooking the fact that we have already recognized a number of foreign bodies which confer some of these same unknown degrees. Of one thing, however, we are satisfied, that neither New Zealand nor Western Australia has any "woman Masonry."

Geo. M. Ford, Wheeling, Grand High Priest.

D. K. Reed, Clarksburg, Grand Secretary.

Wisconsin

Chapters . . 77.

Members . . 7,672

"The Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin was opened

in ample form "in the Royal Arch Degree" in the Masonic Building, corner of Jefferson and Oneida Streets, in the city of Milwaukee, on Tuesday morning, February 20th, 1906."

During the year death has taken from the official roster Companion Rev. Thos. J. Snodgrass, who was appointed Grand Chaplain and served only a short time, and after a protracted illness he was compelled to surrender and passed to his eternal home.

"He painted no Madonna, he chiseled no almost breathing and speaking marble, he thought no matchless poem, he wrote no immortal book, but he did more, he tried to help, to save, to transform man into the image of God."

The Royal Craft has pursued the even tenor of its way, and Grand High Priest Wm. E. Schwahn was happy to state to this Grand Chapter that "no contention has arisen among its constituents to mar the peace and harmony which should at all times prevail among the companions."

"I am not an advocate of a multiplicity of laws, having endeavored during my Masonic life to reduce the laws, governing my intercourse with my companions to a very simple code: "Whatever is right and just is Masonic," and "Whatever is wrong and unjust is unmasonic." Applying this rule of law to my own actions, I find that I have avoided many an unpleasant difficulty."

He urged more care in the admission of visitors, and instanced a case in which he himself, a visitor, was admitted to the ante-room, and the Sentinel, not knowing whether he was a Royal Arch Mason or not, allowed him to be seated, where he could hear very distinctly every word spoken in the lodge room where the brethren were conferring the Past Master degree.

The Grand Secretary reported that every Chapter was punctual with its annual report and dues.

A Committee of three was appointed to examine samples and make recommendations to the next Convocation with reference to the purchase of suitable officers' and members' aprons for Grand Chapter.

M. E. Companion Swain, we are glad to observe, was on hand again, after a long spell of illness, and was strong enough to grasp the Correspondence quill. He gives to Canada for 1905 a customary favorable notice, and is in agreement with the writer on several matters discussed.

"He says he is one of the "few" who are on the side of freedom for Masons, on the dependent membership question. We also are one of the "few."

"We have read his report through with much interest. We are in harmony with most of his ideas, and would quote more from him if we had space."

Under Kansas he says :

"When a Mason is ripe for the Chapter, he will need no soliciting to put in his application. And if he isn't ripe, we don't want him. To shove a petition under his nose, when he is signing the by-laws of his Lodge, or before he has got his Master Mason's degree, is an outrage, which many would resent."

Concluding his review, which on this occasion is largely made up of extract, and which we trust in future will have a little more Swain, he says :

"We have done the best we can, and hope you will lay it up as you should do, in your mental storehouses. We would tell you a good story, to finish with, if we had one. We are like the old revolutionary soldier, whom a country district in Massachusetts had got for a fourth of July celebration, where Edward Everett was to make a speech. He was the only one they could find, and Everett told him, when he turned to him in his speech, he wanted him to rise up. The old man did so, when Everett said to him : "Sit down, Sir, it better becomes us to stand in your presence." And the old man sat down again. But all the rest of his life he wondered why Everett wanted him to stand up, when he told him at once to sit down again."

John Grimshaw, Elroy, Grand High Priest.

Wm. W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

Conclusion

There you have it, such as it is. You cannot say it amounts to much, yet it entailed the same long hours of toil. The labour is not in the writing, that in itself is the

least of the work, but it is the weary worrying through many thousands of pages for something to write about, and finding little or nothing to be classed as new material, that makes one tired. We know that our reading Companions expect something but, to use the words of a constellation of the Guild, "If a Grand Chapter will furnish nothing better than 'routine business' it is difficult to attempt the role of an expander."

Like him we have "toiled all day and caught nothing," but probably when our Companions come to size up and inspect our work we may feel like "Wee Sandy" who had gone fishing on the river when he should have been hard at work in school. On his way home he met one of his schoolmates, who asked, "Hallo, Sandy! What did ye catch?" "Oh, naething yet," replied Sandy, seriously; "I hinna been hame."

Of course there is another and a brighter side to the story. The absence of anything startling or exciting emphasizes the fact that we exist in an era of profound peace. From all quarters comes the same cheering, but monotonous report, "Everything is harmonious," and the expectant, but sorely disappointed, seeker after trouble is compelled in sheer desperation to rake up old and well-worn subjects in which one finds a suggestion of the difficulties aroused in the mind of Omar Khayyam by the warring philosophers of centuries ago:

"Myself when young did eagerly frequent
Doctor and Saint, and heard great argument
About it and about, evermore
Came out by the same door wherein I went."

True, we encounter weak spots and observe blemishes here and there, but in the marvellous advance of the mighty host whose watchword is "Truth," they are soon passed over as of little account and forgotten. There was a time when the onlooking world could afford to smile at our pioneer achievements and sections of it as we grew, sneered audibly or anathematized at their pleasure. If they indulge in these little amusements now, it is under cover. The visible strength, silent influence and wealth of modesty of the great fraternity

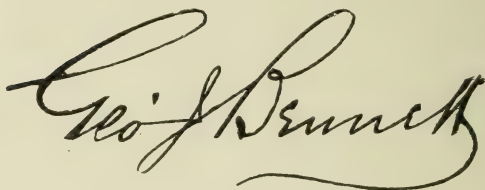
silences all cavillers, aye even the powerful enemy whose thunderings echoed through a universe for generations, but, like an echo, was powerless to harm. *Magna est veritas.*

“ The Knights rode up with gifts for the King,
And one was a jewelled sword,
And one was a suit of golden mail,
And one was a golden Word.

He buckled the shining armour on,
And he girt the sword at his side ;
But he flung at his feet the golden Word,
And trampled it in his pride.

The armour is pierced with many spears,
And the sword is breaking in twain ;
But the Word hath risen in storm and fire,
To vanquish and to reign.”

Fraternally submitted,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Geo. J. Bennett". The signature is written in dark ink and features a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Chairman.

Proceedings Reviewed

Alabama.	1905	Nevada.	1906
Arizona.	1905	New Brunswick.	1905
Arkansas.	1905	New Jersey.	1906
Colorado.	1905-6	New Mexico.	1905
Connecticut.	1906	New S. Wales.	1905
Delaware.	1906	New York.	1906
Dist. of Columbia.	1905	New Zealand.	1906
Florida.	1906	North Carolina.	1906
Georgia.	1906	North Dakota.	1906
Indiana.	1906	Ohio.	1905
Indian Territory.	1906	Oregon.	1906
Illinois.	1905	Pennsylvania.	1905
Iowa.	1905	Quebec.	1906
Kansas.	1906	Scotland.	1905
Kentucky.	1905	South Carolina.	1905
Louisiana.	1906	South Dakota.	1906
Maine.	1906	Tennessee.	1906
Maryland.	1905	Texas.	1905
Michigan.	1906	Vermont.	1906
Minnesota.	1905	Victoria.	1905
Mississippi.	1906	Virginia.	1905
Missouri.	1906	Washington.	1906
Montana.	1905	West Virginia.	1905
Nebraska.	1905	Wisconsin.	1906

GRAND CHAPTERS	Chapters.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions & Restorations.	Dimissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Sus. for Non- pay't dues.	Deaths
Alabama, 1905,.....	50	2,165	244	62	45	0	0	59	34
Arizona, 1905,.....	7	469	54	6	9	0	0	11	4
Arkansas, 1905,.....	76	2,807	321	108	65	0	1	59	53
California, 1905,.....	81	8,984	1,004	229	121	0	0	86	126
Canada, 1906,.....	119	10,085	1,304	193	181	0	....	88	108
Colorado, 1905,.....	36	3,325	178	44	54	1	....	12	53
Connecticut, 1905,....	40	6,953	420	21	16	1	0	40	119
Delaware, 1906,.....	4	853	35	1	6	0	....	5	12
Dist. Columbia, 1906,	12	3,304	254	46	44	0	0	45	61
Florida, 1905,.....	25	1,209	152	25	23	1	0	13	11
Georgia, 1906,.....	129	5,309	418	*121	*131	*0	....	*83	*57
Illinois, 1905,.....	190	23,032	2,003	269	335	3	....	259	311
Indiana, 1905,.....	107	10,040	896	98	129	3	5	70	148
Indian Territory, 1906,	51	2,100	299	77	82	2	....	23	17
Iowa, 1905,.....	127	9,658	654	149	226	5	....	208	115
Kansas, 1906,.....	82	6,721	640	183	140	2	....	123	80
Kentucky, 1905,.....	91	5,581	619	81	166	6	....	109	67
Louisiana, 1906,.....	25	2,046	219	18	24	1	2	10	38
Maine, 1906,.....	59	8,327	480	38	36	1	0	45	130
Maryland, 1905,.....	21	2,576	194	16	23	0	1	14	60
Massachusetts, 1905,.,	76	18,562	1,015	1,062	130	0	....	127	296
Michigan, 1906,.....	140	17,070	950	135	117	1	....	140	224
Minnesota, 1905,.....	61	6,254	402	89	108	1	0	67	70
Mississippi, 1905,.....	68	2,854	298	74	45	5	2	70	56
Missouri, 1906,.....	100	9,943	829	321	261	6	10	139	151
Montana, 1905,.....	16	1,196	64	17	21	0	0	27	15
Nebraska, 1905,.....	54	3,633	237	63	106	....	....	71	45
Nevada, 1905,.....	7	323	6	3	4	0	0	1	6
New Brunswick, 1904,	9	501	32	0	4	0	....	4	11
New Hampshire, 1905,	25	3,820	154	166	23	0	0	25	78
New Jersey, 1905,....	38	4,529	418	67	64	0	....	46	71
New Mexico, 1905,...	10	586	40	10	9	1	....	4	13
New York, 1906,.....	201	29,390	2,319	291	219	5	0	503	452
North Carolina, 1905,	25	1,381	166	120	34	1	0	10	19
North Dakota, 1905,.,	16	1,454	140	16	22	0	....	8	8
Nova Scotia, 1904,....	15	841	98	7	22	0	....	14	12
Ohio, 1905,.....	161	22,337	1,824	409	188	2	5	379	296
Oregon, 1905,.....	27	2,135	172	33	22	0	2	13	32
Pennsylvania, 1905,...	127	25,309	1,940	193	163	0	....	261	407
Quebec, 1905,.....	11	966	160	14	13	0	....	20	10
Rhode Island, 1905,...	10	3,163	168	3	11	0	0	5	48
South Carolina, 1905,	23	1,221	185	41	41	0	....	14	11
South Dakota, 1905,...	30	1,950	107	31	31	0	....	16	13
Tennessee, 1906,.....	77	3,551	329	49	95	1	6	56	69
Texas, 1905,.....	188	11,622	1,211	520	417	7	....	126	149
Vermont, 1905,.....	28	3,487	154	11	39	....	....	33	71
Virginia, 1905,.....	51	4,349	332	74	94	0	1	24	38
Washington, 1905,....	26	2,024	197	72	38	0	1	120	23
West Virginia, 1905,...	29	3,475	411	52	42	0	....	40	34
Wisconsin, 1906,.....	75	7,672	524	90	110	0	90	95
Gen. G. Chapter, 1906,	24	1,847	388	81	77	3	31	53
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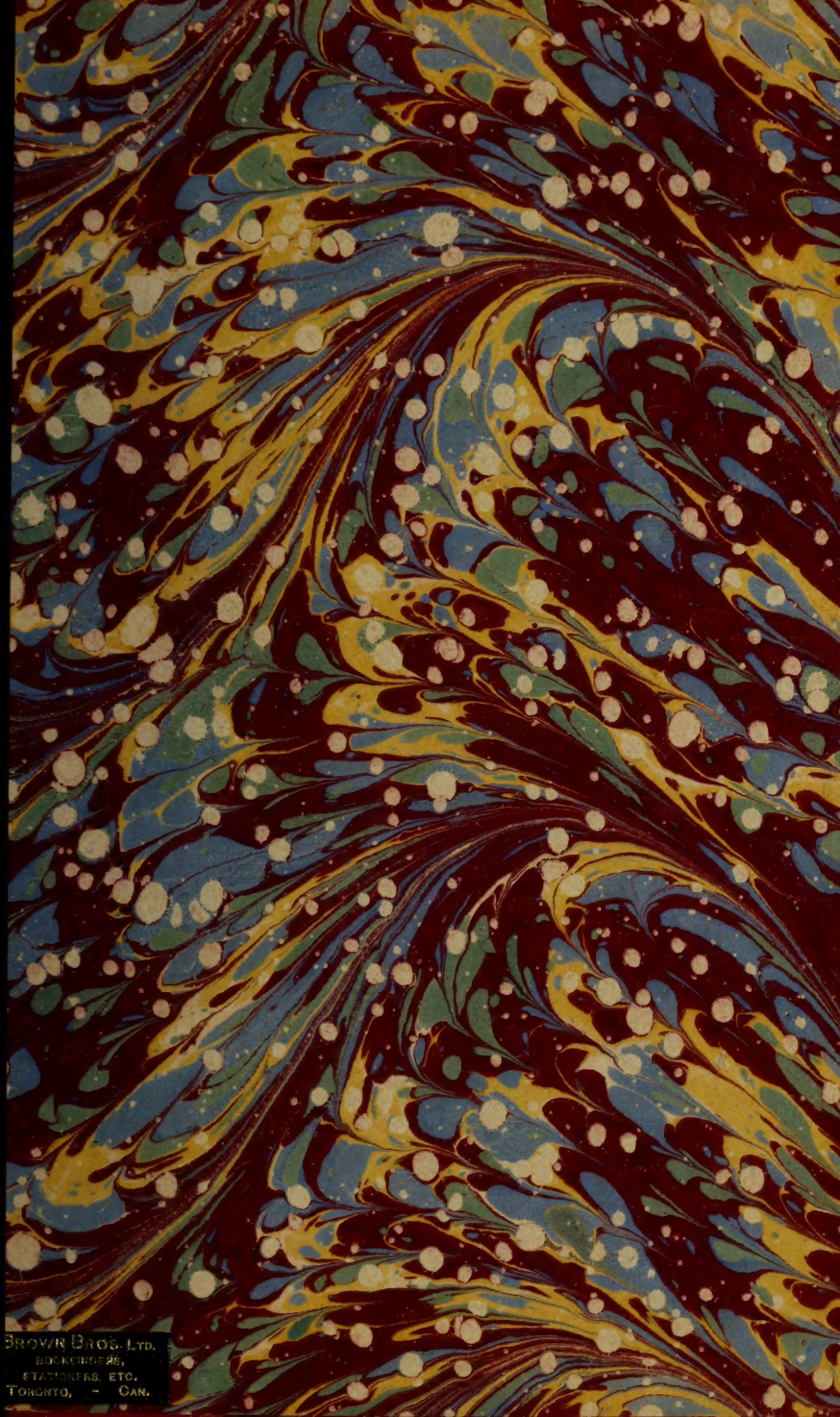
*Figures for 1904.

†Should be 124.

The records for the largest membership, the large number of chapters, and the largest average membership remain the same as in the last three years.

In the number of exaltations the order of the leading Grand Chapters is slightly changed, Illinois forging ahead, as follows: New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Ca.





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